



# Orono Observer

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## Regular Meetings

### March 2011:

- 14 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
- 16 Planning Board, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber

### April 2011:

- 11 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
- 20 Planning Board, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber

### May 2011:

- 9 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
- 18 Planning Board, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber

### TOWN OFFICE NEWS

- All Town Offices will be **CLOSED** from **11:15 am-1:00 pm** on **Thursday, March 24, 2011** for the Annual Cabin Fever Reliever.

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## MUNICIPAL ELECTION TUES, MARCH 8TH

ALL VOTING will be held at the Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 59 Main Street. Voting hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

There are five candidates running for two 3-year terms on the Town Council. The candidates are Andrew Gavett, III, Geoffrey Gordon, Cynthia Mehnert, Daniel LaPointe and Kathleen Walton.

Voters will be electing two members to the RSU#26 Board for 3-year terms. The RSU#26 Board candidates are James Bird, Lisa Buck and Geoffrey Wingard.

Absentee ballots are available by calling the Town Office at 866-2556 or coming in to the office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Registrar of Voters will be in Open Session on the following dates and times in the Orono Town Office, for the purpose of registering and enrolling new voters and to correct the voting list for the March 8, 2011 Municipal Election: March 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## TOWN BUDGET

The Town is in the process of developing the budget for fiscal year 2011-2012. Over the course of the next few months, the public will have numerous opportunities to review the budget and provide public input. In addition to being available on the Town's website at [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org), residents will have the opportunity to review the budget at the Town Office.

The following is a list of meetings on the proposed FY11-12 budget, all to be held in the Council Chambers.

May 2, 2011, 4:30 p.m., Council Budget Workshop

May 11, 2011, 4:30 p.m., Council Budget Workshop

June 13, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Public Hearing on the Budget

June 20, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Budget Adoption

Please note that meeting dates and times are subject to change. Meeting dates/times will be listed on Cable Channel 7 and on our website at [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org).

## ORONO'S NEW TOWN MANAGER

The Orono Town Council is pleased to announce that it has appointed Sophia L. Wilson as its new Town Manager. Ms. Wilson, or Sophie, as she prefers to be called, replaces former Manager Catherine M. Conlow who resigned in November 2010 to become Manager for the neighboring City of Bangor.

Sophie has been the Town Manager in Brownville, Maine for the past ten years. Prior to that, she had several years of ex-

perience in the public sector and was a municipal intern in the mid-1990s for Bangor as well. Sophie has a strong prior connection with Orono, having received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Maine. She also serves on several state and municipal boards, and brings a wealth of experience and background to her new role as Orono's Manager. Sophie will assume her duties in Orono on April 1, 2011.

## New Town Manager (continued)

The Council and all of the Town staff are looking forward to working with Sophie. She and her family have shared that they are also excited to relocate to Orono and become a part of our community. Between now and April 1st, you may see Sophie around Town, as she indicates she will be stopping in from time to time and joining the Council at as many meetings as her current schedule in Brownville will allow.

### ADVERTISE IN THE ORONO OBSERVER

Please contact Nancy Ward at 866-2556 to reserve space for your ad in the June/July/August 2011 *Orono Observer Spring Issue*.

Ads are \$90.00 per quarter page (3 3/4" by 4 3/4") with other sizes available, and must be submitted as camera ready (pdf files preferred).

Please share this information with your fellow residents, and join us in welcoming Sophie to the team here in the Town of Orono!

### IS YOUR VEHICLE REGISTRATION CURRENT?

The Town Office staff would like to remind residents to check that their vehicle registrations are current. This is a very busy time of year and vehicle registrations are often forgotten.

Available soon - renew your vehicle registration online through the Orono website at [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org) or directly through [www.infome.org/orono](http://www.infome.org/orono).

Make sure to have your old registration, current mileage, proof of insurance and checkbook available.

### WINTER PARKING BAN

in effect until April 15, 2011.

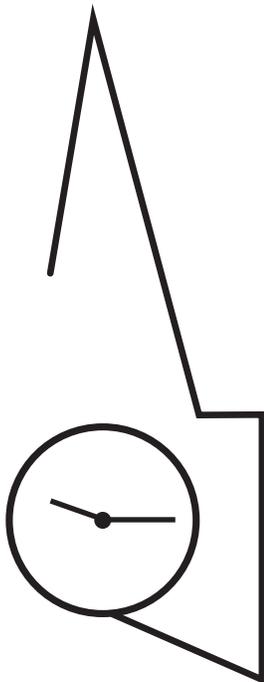
### 2ND-HALF PROPERTY TAXES OVERDUE

The second half property taxes were due on Friday, February 11, 2011 for the fiscal year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

The interest rate on unpaid taxes is 7%.

If the real estate taxes remain unpaid by the end of April 2011, 30-day notices of liens will be mailed by certified mail to the property owners. If these remain unpaid after the 30 days, liens will be placed on the property.

Though this is an unpleasant task, it is state law that interest be collected and liens placed in a timely fashion.



## The Church of Universal Fellowship

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP

**10:15 am** Morning Worship  
Church School and Nursery Care

### EASTER

Maundy Thursday, April 21 6:00 pm Supper and Communion  
Good Friday, April 22 7:00 pm Tenebrae Service  
Easter Morning, April 24 Sunrise Service 6:30 am PVCC  
Church Service 10:15 am

*and, of course, Messy Church!* Fun for the entire family!  
crafts, games, supper, and a short and lively worship!

**SATURDAYS March 5<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and May 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**4 - 6 pm All welcome! All ages! (no charge)**

Please call or email or visit our website for more information

**866-3655** [cuf82@myfairpoint.net](mailto:cuf82@myfairpoint.net) [churchofuniversalfellowship.org](http://churchofuniversalfellowship.org)

Our church welcomes persons of every age, background, circumstance, ethnicity, family configuration, gender identity, and sexual orientation. We believe that diversity enriches our faith community and that each of us has the right and responsibility to support one another as we search for the divine by living, learning, and growing.

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**ORONO PARKS & RECREATION NEWS**

Office is located at 8 Bennoch Road, the Tredwell Building, call 866-5065 for information.



**Community House Activities**

**19 Bennoch Road**

**Mondays:**

Preschool Playgroup, 9-11 am, No fee.  
Yoga for Kids 3:30-4pm FMI –  
www.oronorec.com

**Tuesdays:**

Mary Drew School of Dance :  
Ballet classes - preschool, 1:30-2:15 pm; K-1st grade, 3:30-4:30 pm; grades 2-3, 4:30-5:30 pm  
Step Aerobics, 6:00-7:00 pm  
Zumba, 7:15-8:15 pm

**Wednesdays:**

Mary Drew School of Dance:  
Pointe Class, 3:30-4:30 pm  
Downeast School of Fencing, 4:30-9:00 pm

**Thursdays:**

Zumbatonic for Kids, 3:30-4:00 pm  
Mary Drew School of Dance:  
Ballet, 4-6 graders 4:00-5:00 pm;  
Advanced Ballet, 5:00-6:00 pm  
Step Aerobics, 6:00-7:00 pm  
Zumba, 7:15-8:15 pm

**Fridays:**

Available for rental – book your next birthday party, anniversary or dance.

**Saturdays (Each Month):**

1st Saturday - Open Mic Night  
2nd Saturday - Contra Dance 7-10pm  
3rd Saturday - Blue Grass 7-11pm  
4th Sat. -Dadgad Coffeehouse, 6:30-10:00 pm

**WINTER PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS**

Registrations are accepted between 8:30 am-4 pm, Monday-Friday at the Recreation Office, 8 Bennoch Road. For information on any program call 866-5065 or visit our website at www.oronorec.com. For your convenience, **after hours registrations and payments** can be accepted by using the drop box in front of the Rec Office.

**LEARN TO SKATE**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 1,3,8,10,15 and 17 from 5:15-6:15 pm at Alford Arena. Pre-register online at www.oronorec.com Cost for the lessons: \$60/residents and \$70 non-residents.

**WATERCOLORS FOR KIDS**

With instructor Janice Hambelton. This class will have children in grades 3-5 experimenting with blending of colors as well as techniques. Janice has taught for many years and participates in the Bangor Sidewalk Art Festival each year. Check out her website at www.dreamsbyjanice.com

Monday and Wednesday, 3:30-5:00 pm at the Tredwell Building starting March 7th - 30th Fee: \$35

**EGGSTRAVAGANZA OF EASTER EGG HUNTS!**



The Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with the University Credit Union will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for children preschool age through 4th grade on Saturday, April 23rd at 10:00 am at the Asa Adams School. Each child will have a chance to hunt for eggs, be entertained by clowns, get their face painted, receive an Easter Egg goodie bag and be eligible for prizes! Bring your camera and capture this special moment with special guests the Easter Bunny and Monty Moose (Credit Union children’s mascot).

**THE WHITE ROSE PERFORMANCE**

Orono Community Theater cast and crew members performs “The White Rose” on May 6,7 &8 at the Keith Anderson Community House. Look for presale tickets at Orono Pharmacy and performance times.

**DOUBLE “A” T-BALL/TRIPLE “A” MINOR LEAGUE**

Pre-season baseball is right around the corner so registrations are now being accepted for Double “A” T-ball and Triple “A” Minor League! The Double “A” Program is designed for ages 4-5 with players learning the basics of baseball skills while having fun with their friends. Meets Monday and Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 pm starting May 23-June 22.

The Triple “A” League is designed for ages 6-8 and meets Tuesdays or Thursdays, 5:30 pm with a scrimmage or games on Saturday mornings. This League is designed to teach baseball skills, game knowledge and fun on the ballfield. Cost for the programs is \$25/residents and \$35 non-residents. Go to www.oronorec.com and register today!

**SUMMER PROGRAMS**

Check out the Orono Parks and Recreation website at www.oronorec.com to register for summer activities after April 25th

Programs include:

- KidZone Summer Day Camp
- Double “A” T-ball (4-5 yr olds)
- Triple “A” Minor League (6-8yr olds)
- Summer Swim Lessons
- Boys & Girls Basketball School
- British Soccer Camp
- Red Riot Summer Track Club
- Riot Field Hockey Camp
- Advantage Tennis Lessons
- Red Riot Football Camp

**SUMMER SOUNDS CONCERT SERIES**

Check out the schedule for the Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 pm, “Summer Sounds Concert Series” July 6th - August 10th in Webster Park.

## ORONO PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

The Orono Public Library serves all ages. For more information, call us at 866-5060 or visit us on the web at [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org). Or, better yet, come to the library for a full view of our services.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### FREE TAX HELP

Professor Steve Colburn and students from the University of Maine Business School will continue to offer free tax assistance at the library on Fridays from 12:30-3pm; March 18 - April. Please make an appointment by calling 581-1982 and bring all of the necessary paperwork at the time of your appointment.

#### BEYOND THE BACKYARD - AN INTRODUCTION TO BIRDING

Thursday April 21, 6:30 p.m.

Have you ever tried to identify an unusual bird, or wondered just how to get into bird watching? Join local birder Paul Markson as he explains how to begin and enjoy the fascinating lifetime hobby of birding. Calling on nearly 30 years of birding experience, Paul will cover topics such as bird identification, local-area birding habitats, choosing optics and field guides, birding ethics at home and in the field, and even explain the difference between the terms "Bird Watching" and "Birding". If you have ever wanted to go beyond the backyard and into the field as a birder, but were unsure how to get started, this class is for you.

#### MISSING DVDS

The library has recently discovered a number of new and popular DVDs missing. These could have been mistakenly removed from the library or errors may have occurred during check out. There is a list posted on our website of the missing titles ([www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org) see the Library "News" page). If you find that you have any of these at home – please bring them back – no questions asked. We would like to continue providing new releases to the Orono community without having to purchase an expensive security system. The total replacement cost of the missing titles represents most of our annual budget for movies. If you can help with this mystery at all, please contact the library as soon as possible.

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

Every Tuesday ~ 10:30am: **Spanish Story time**, designed for children, up to age 7, and their families. Listen to bilingual stories, rhymes and songs.



Every Thursday ~ 10:15am: **Infant Story time**, birth to 2 years and their grown-ups. 11:00am: **Toddler Story time**, ages 2 to 4 years and their grown-ups. Join us for stories, songs and finger plays!

Every Thursday afternoon ~ **Teen Game Hour** in the Community Room at the library, from 2:30ish-3:30ish. The library provides drinks and snacks while you enjoy card and board games. No need to sign up... just show up!

Thursday ~ March 31st, April 28th and May 26th ~ **Pajama Story Time**. All ages welcome. Climb into your pajamas and join us for some cozy stories to get you ready for a warm and comfy sleep. 6pm.

Tuesday ~ March 22nd, April 26th and May 24th ~ **MeSBA Club**. For Grades 4 through 8 – read and discuss books from the Maine Student Book Award list. Come for pizza, fun discussions and games. Please call to reserve your slice of pizza: 866-5060. 5:30-6:30pm.



**Guys Read Too!** A book group for boys, grades 5-7 and dads or mentors. Pre-registration required. Two more meeting dates: March 2nd and May meeting to be announced.

**Kindred Spirits.** A book group for girls, grades 4-7 and their moms or mentors. Pre-registration required. One more meeting date: March 30th.



**Special Saturdays with RSU 26 Adult and Community Education.** March 5th, 10:30am, Library's community room, More Messy Art with Louise! April 9th, 10:30am, Keith Anderson Community House, Exercise program! Please pre-register for either or both events, so we are well prepared.

**Teen Mystery Night.** We had such a fantastic time in February, we're going to have another! Interested? Call the library! Date and time to be announced.

**Annual Pixie Ball.** Unfold your wings and brush your hairy toes! Get ready for another romp and promenade with the pixie staff. Date, time and place to be announced...



**Insect Adventures.** May 21st, 10:30am, Library's community room. Sponsored by the Friends of Edith Patch. Entomologist, children's writer and much more, Edith Patch is the inspiration for this presentation of stories and crafts. All ages welcome!

**Maine Discovery Museum Pass.** We give out one pass each day, allowing up to four people in your family or group free admission to the museum. Call us to reserve a pass.

## FILM SERIES

All of the films will be shown at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the Birch Street Senior Center.

### March 12: The Next Industrial Revolution

A documentary about designers William McDonough and Michael Braungart, who use the "Cradle to Cradle" design theory, in which all waste generated by producing something is designed to be used for something else, so that there is, in fact, no waste or pollution.

### April 9: Transforming Energy

A documentary about activists, students and entrepreneurs who are working, in different ways, to create an energy system that is sustainable.

### May 14: Efficiency Maine's Green Team Report

In this film, Efficiency Maine conducts an energy-efficiency make-over of a house, installing green insulation, solar hot water, energy-efficient appliances, and more.

## ORONO HEALTH ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Orono Health Association needs volunteers to drive people to medical appointments. If you would be willing to assist, please call Nancy Pare, Office Manager at 866-4648 or leave a message and she will get back to you. Thank you very much.

### Orono Thrift Shop

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9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Wednesdays

10:00 AM-3:00 PM, Saturdays

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## GARDEN WORKSHOPS

All of the workshops will be held at the Birch Street Senior Center at 1:00 p.m., on the 4th Saturday of each month.

### February 26: Winter Sowing

Sam Hunting will demonstrate a method to get an early start on garden planting--and an early harvest.

### March 26: Small Space Gardening

Katherine Garland, from the University Cooperative Extension will give a workshop especially for apartment dwellers and others with only limited space for gardens.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS - MARCH 13TH



Daylight Savings begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 13, 2011. So when you're changing the clock ahead one hour, it's a great time to also replace the batteries in your smoke detectors.

## HELP WITH DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN

Financial assistance for dental care may be available for children in elementary and middle school by calling the Orono Health Association office at 866-4648. Our office is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:00 until noon.

### April 23 Soil Preparation and Composting

Marianne Sarrantonio, a professor of Sustainable Agriculture at the University of Maine, will provide an introduction to methods for preparing and maintaining fertile garden soils.

### May 21: Organic Pest Management

Eric Gallandt, a professor of weed ecology at the University of Maine, will provide an overview of organic methods of pest control.

## Shadbush Lane

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## NEW ORONO WEBSITE

The Town of Orono is proud to announce that its new web site is up and running as of January 2011.

The [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org) site features current news items, photos, and information about Orono and each of its Departments. The Town has also recently added helpful links to assist you with any municipal business you may need to conduct; and, our up-to-the-minute map viewer, a powerful tool for residents, visitors, and just about anyone with an interest in Orono, is another brand new addition.

Unsure as to when recycling takes place? When and how you can obtain a fishing license? Where you can enroll in the Police Department's next Citizens Academy? How to contact a Town employee or Department? The answers to all of these questions and more can be found at [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org), so log on today and check us out!

## NEW ORONO MAP VIEWER ON-LINE

Want to zoom in to get information on parcels in your neighborhood? See how your property is zoned? See how many houselots are within 1000 feet of you? Get an idea of where the flood plain is?

A new web-based map viewer for Orono is now on-line at <http://webmap.jws.com/orono/>. You can also link to it through the Town's home page: click on the tab "Resources," then on GIS map viewer.

Built and hosted by Sewall Co., the map viewer allows you to zoom in on an individual parcel or group of parcels and download certain tax record information about them (such as owners and lot sizes); to add different natural resource layers of information, such as wetlands, soils, and land cover; and to get or add other information, such as the Town's rental registration data base and its zoning map. You can also "jump"

from a view on the map viewer to aerial images of the same view from Google, Bing or Yahoo.

A "help" button at the bottom right-hand corner of the map viewer's main map page (scroll down the right margin) will give you information on the tools available to navigate the site.

A couple of helpful tips: certain detailed information, such as the lengths of lot lines and certain natural resource information, is sensitive to how zoomed in or out you are. Experiment to see which scales work best for you. And for certain functions, like creating print pages, you may have to allow pop-up windows – so check to see if pop-ups are blocked.

Whether using it for business, school, or personal purposes, let us know how it works for you.

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## CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE NEWS

Believe it or not, spring will soon be here, and with it will come the construction season.

We want to remind everyone that permits are needed for most projects – new buildings, additions, most types of renovation, plumbing and electrical work, and certain activities such as earth work and timber harvesting.

Permits are also required for commercial businesses as well as home-based businesses. Certain activities may also require permits from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection or from the Army Corps of Engineers (work near water bodies or wetlands).

We can help you determine if your project needs to go to either agency, and we'll be happy to help you in preparing your plans for submission to those agencies. If you have any questions about our requirements, please feel free to call the Code Enforcement Office at 866-5051.

## ORONO KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION MARCH 10, 2011



Registration will be by appointment.

The hours are from 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Parents of children who will be five years of age on or before October 15, 2011 are requested to register on Thursday, March 10, 2011. A legal state birth certificate, or a copy of the birth record, is required at the time of registration. A record of the dates of immunizations will also be necessary in completing the registration forms. It is necessary that all children who expect to enter school next fall receive communicable disease immunizations.

Parents DO NOT need to bring their children to registration. Screening and parent orientation will be held at a later date.

**PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT:**

**866-2151 or 866-4141**

**between the hours of: 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

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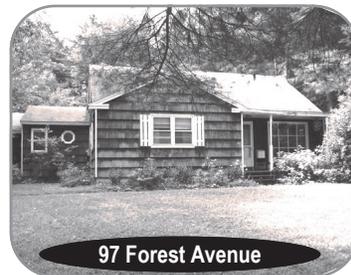


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## BAGGED LEAVES & BRUSH PICKED UP CURBSIDE

May 10 – May 27, 2011

The Town of Orono will begin picking up bagged leaves and brush on Tuesday, May 11 through Friday, May 27, 2011.

**Bagged leaves** should be placed curbside next to the brush and limbs. Piled **limbs** should be at least four feet, but not longer than eight feet in length. Limbs must be less than six inches in diameter. **Brush** should be neatly piled at curbside and limbs should be stacked with broadest diameter ends facing the curb.

No chunks of firewood, blocks of wood or stumps will be picked up. **Trash that is mixed with bagged leaves will not be picked up.**

## FREE LANDFILL DROP OFF

May 14 - May 21, 2011  
(Plus May 25 & 28)

Except Sunday and Monday

The landfill, located on Taylor Road off Outer Forest Avenue, will be open **FREE OF CHARGE** to Orono residents to **DROP OFF Spring Cleanup Items** from Saturday, May 14 through Saturday, May 21, 2011 (**except Sunday and Monday**) from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Two extra days have been added:** Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> for your convenience. **Proof of residency or property ownership required.**

Acceptable items include:

- ◆ household and furniture items (**NO** TVs, monitors, batteries, fluorescent

tubes or computers)



- ◆ boards, debris, metal (items must be separated at the landfill)
- ◆ Non-freon white goods (i.e. stoves, microwaves, cabinets)

The only charge for residents during this week is the \$20/item fee for items containing freon (i.e. refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners) which must be obtained from the Town Office prior to drop-off at the landfill.

No tires, auto engines or car bodies can be dropped off. However, up to two tires (without rims) can be placed curbside with your weekly trash pickup.

Call the Town Office at 866-2556 for a list of local contractors that can assist residents in hauling items to the landfill for a fee.

## WEBSTER POINT

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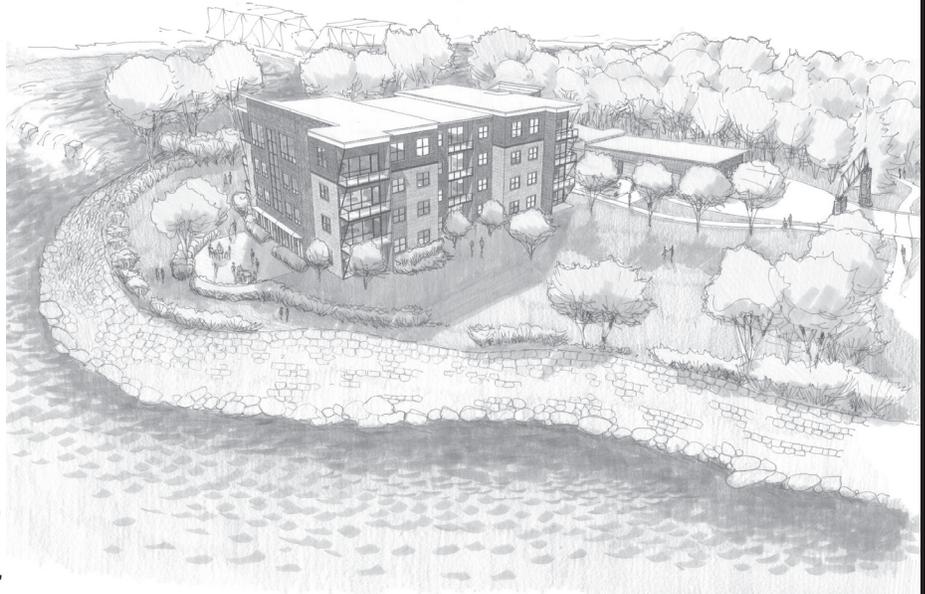
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**FREE TREES**

Trees from the Orono Town Nursery will be available this spring to Orono residents at no cost. All trees will be planted by the Tree Board.

All trees must be planted in the public domain (i.e. on land along the streets owned and maintained by the town). Trees are available on a first come, first served basis.

Orono residents interested in having trees planted in front of their homes or local businesses should call the Town Office and leave their name and address. All tree sites will have to be assessed by the Tree Board to assure adequate space and no overhead wires. Residents will be called by a Tree Board member to discuss the type of trees available and best suited for the site.

**HELP WANTED ON TOWN BOARDS, COMMITTEES & AS ELECTION WORKERS**

The Town seeks applications from residents interested in serving on the Board of Assessment Review, Board of Appeals and Planning Board. Applications are available at the Town Office. Please consider volunteering. Your input makes a difference!

Would you like to earn a few dollars and help with the election process? Consider applying to be an Election Clerk or assist in registering voters.

For more information on what is involved in serving on a board or committee, or to request an application to work during the elections, stop by the Town Office or call us at 866-2556.

**STANDARD LANDFILL HOURS, MARCH 30TH**

Beginning March 30, 2011, the landfill will return to the standard hours of operation - every Wednesday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. As always, the landfill is available to be opened on unscheduled days by appointment only for an additional charge.

Please contact Rob Yerxa, Director of Public Works, at 866-5062 with any issues or concerns regarding this change of operating policy.

**TRASH OUT BY 7:00 AM**

Residents, please remember to have your trash out to the curb by 7:00 a.m. the day of pickup. The routes and times of pickup may change at the discretion of the trash collection company.

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## NOTES FROM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY (WPCF) Part 3 (continued from the Dec 2010-Jan-Feb 2011 *Orono Observer*)

New Nutrient Removal processes employing anoxic reactors to remove nitrogen and selector tanks to remove phosphorus were constructed. Over the last several years a move was brought underway by the regulatory agencies to study the need for nutrient removal to prevent algae blooms that can lead to oxygen depletion of the receiving water body. Therefore, at MDEP's recommendation not to leave out nutrient removal, biological nutrient removal processes were included in the upgrade project. Orono's new Nutrient Removal processes employ selector basins and anoxic reactors to manipulate the activated sludge (bugs) treatment process to remove phosphorous and nitrates.

The UV disinfection process is relatively new process for Maine wastewater treatment plants. This process replaces the long standing use of Chlorine gas or bleach for disinfection. The UV process employs a series of submerged lamps that transmit UV light into the plant's wastewater effluent to the genetic material of the pathogens and renders them unable to reproduce.

The Aerobic Digester process enables us to reduce by 40% the amount of sludge produced. This is accomplished by converting the organics to carbon

dioxide and providing oxygen, proper mixing, and pH adjustment within a 300,000 gallon tank. This process works best during the warm summer temperatures. The digested sludge is dewatered with a Belt Filter Press and trucked to the Old Town Composting Facility and processed into compost. The finished product is sold to landscapers and flower gardeners.

The new SCADA system enables plant personnel to monitor and control the new plant processes and pumping stations. Additionally, all major equipment failures can be monitored and automatically paged out to an on-call staff person for immediate response and remediation.

The Operations Building has been renovated to accommodate the following: new blowers for the aeration process and mixing; bigger and more efficient laboratory for process monitoring; new Motor Control Center; new chemical feed room; new locker room and bathroom facilities; and new kitchenette/training room.

The Orono Water Pollution Control Facility is staffed with 5 full time persons. The staff is all licensed by MDEP and has over 100 years of combined experience.

Paul Wintle, Superintendent, 35 years of experience, 24 with the Town of Orono.

Joe Madigan, Chief Operator, 24 years of experience, 20 with the Town of Orono.

Chris Prue, Operator/Mechanic, 29 years of experience, all with the Town of Orono.

Galen Moody, Treatment Plant Operator, 21 years of experience, all with Town of Orono.

Dana Cooper, Laboratory Technician, 29 years of experience, 4 years with Town of Orono.

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**POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Orono Police Department is scheduled for an on-site assessment as part of a program to achieve accreditation by verifying it meets professional standards.

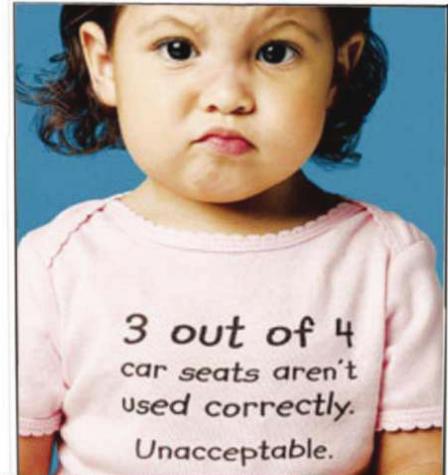
Administered by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®), the accreditation program requires agencies to comply with state-of-art standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations, and support services.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments during a telephone comments session on Sunday, March 13, 2011, between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. at 866-5058. Members of the community are also invited to offer comments on the Orono Police Department

website at <http://police.orono.org/> contact.

Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the Standards is available at the Orono Police Department. Local contact is Capt. Josh Ewing 866-4000.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments about the Orono Police Department's ability to comply with the standards for accreditation may send them to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320 Gainesville, Virginia 20155 (703) 352-4225 FAX (703) 890-3126; or call (800) 368-3757 or (703) 352-4225 or [www@calea.org](http://www@calea.org).



**Car Seat Inspection Station** For More Information:  
Orono Fire Department Rachel Beckwith  
3rd Tuesday of each month 991-1978  
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- ◆ And, do you declare your home in Orono as your permanent place of residency?



If you answered yes to all of these questions, you may be entitled to a reduction in the assessed value of your home, regardless of your income.

**VETERAN EXEMPTION**

If you are a veteran, at least age 62 or 100% disabled a resident of Orono and served during a federally recognized war period, you may qualify for a \$6,000 reduction in the assessed value of your property. Widows of veterans may also qualify for a reduction.

**You must apply by  
April 1, 2011**

If you believe that you may qualify for either a veteran or homestead exemption, you must apply by April 1, 2011 in order to receive the exemption(s) on your September 2011 tax bill. Check your current tax bill to see if you are receiving these exemptions. If you are, there is no need to reapply. If you are not, you may obtain applications at the Town Office.

**Town of Orono  
Hours of Operation**

**Town Office:** 866-2556  
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM  
Monday-Friday

**Public Works:** 866-5062  
7:00 AM to 3:30 PM  
Monday-Friday

**Recreation:** 866-5065  
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM  
Monday-Friday

**Library:** 866-5060  
Wednesdays - 10 AM - 5 PM  
Tues., Thurs. - 10 AM - 7 PM  
Fridays - Noon - 5 PM  
Saturdays - 9 AM - 1 PM  
Mondays - closed

**Disposal Area (Landfill):**  
**Starting March 30 - Weds/Sat.**  
(Obtain permits from Town Office)

**Curbside Recycling Dates:**  
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April 7, 8, 21, 22  
May 5, 6, 19, 20

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