



Orono Observer

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Regular Meetings

March 2012:

- 12** Town Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
- 21** Planning Board, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber

April 2012:

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

May 2012:

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



MUNICIPAL ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 13TH

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 four candidates running for three 3-year terms on the Town Council. The candidates are Lianne Harris, Daniel LaPointe, Thomas Perry and Judith Sullivan.

Voters will be electing two members to the RSU#26 Board for 3-year terms and one member to the RSU#26 for a 2-year term. The RSU#26 Board candidates for 3-year terms are Frances Mary Neubeuer and a write in candidate, and the

candidate for the 2-year term is Andrew "Willie" Gavett III.

Absentee ballots are available by calling the Town Office at 866-2556 or coming into 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 13, 2012 Municipal Election: March 6, 7, 8, 9 and 12th 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 FY2012-2013. Over the course of the next few months, the public will have several opportunities to review the budget and provide public input. In addition to being available on the Town's website at 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 FY12-13 budget, all to be held in the Council Chambers.

Council Budget Workshops, 4:30 pm: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Public Hearing on the Budget: June 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Budget Adoption: June 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting dates/times will be listed on Cable Channel 7 and on our website at www.orono.org under "News and Events/Agendas".

COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT HITS MILESTONES

Webster Mill Clean-up Completed

The clean-up of the former Webster Mill site was completed at the end of January. Contamination had been detected both along the river banks and on other parts of the site, and the clean-up followed a plan approved by Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection.

This spring the site will be transferred to Webster Point, LLC, which is planning a residential project. It has already

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FREE LANDFILL DROP OFF DAYS & LEAVES AND BRUSH PICK UP

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TOWN OFFICE NEWS

- All Town Offices will be **CLOSED** from **11:15 am-1:00 pm** on **Thursday, March 22, 2012** for the Annual Cabin Fever Reliever.

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. If you have a yellow year sticker you are long overdue.

Residents may renew vehicle registrations online through the Orono website at www.orono.org or directly through www.infome.org/orono. Make sure to have your old registration, current mileage, proof of insurance and checkbook available.

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.

OHA 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.

ADVERTISE IN THE ORONO OBSERVER

Please contact Nancy Ward at 866-2556 to reserve space for your ad in the June/July/August 2012 *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).

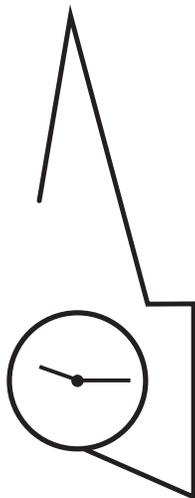
2ND-HALF PROPERTY TAXES OVERDUE

The second half property taxes were due on Friday, February 10, 2012 for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

The interest rate on unpaid taxes is 7%.

If the real estate taxes remain unpaid at the end of April 2012, 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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The Reverend Lorna Grenfell

~ SUNDAY WORSHIP ~

10:15 am Morning Worship with Sunday School and Nursery Care

~ HOLY WEEK SERVICES ~

Maunder Thursday, April 5 at 6:00 pm: Supper and Communion

(for reservations: call 866-3655)

Good Friday, April 6 at 7:00 pm: Tenebrae Service

~ EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8 ~

Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am

(Penobscot Valley Country Club with Orono United Methodist Church)

Easter Morning Breakfast at 7:15 am

(at Church of Universal Fellowship with Orono United Methodist Church)

Easter Morning Worship at 10:15 am

All welcome!

Messy Church! Join us for a ***family time*** of crafts, supper, and a short and lively worship!

SATURDAYS, 4-6 pm: Feb. 11th, Mar. 10th, April 7th and May 12th

866-3655

cuf82@myfairpoint.net

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.

An Open & Affirming Congregation

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.
OCT Rehearsals 3-6 pm
Adult Karate 6-8 pm

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

Downeast School of Fencing, 4:00-9:00 pm

Thursdays:

Mary Drew School of Dance:
Ballet, 4-6 graders 3:30-4:30 pm;
Advanced Ballet, 4:30-5:30 pm
Step Aerobics, 6:00-7:00 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 - Dadgad Coffeehouse, 6:30-10:00 pm
4th Saturday - Blue Grass 7-11pm

**NEW LIFT AT
THE KEITH ANDERSON
COMMUNITY HOUSE**

Looking to book your next anniversary, birthday party or maybe attend the Orono Community Theater's production of "Over the Tavern" but concerned about access to the second floor? Well, the building has just had a new vertical lift installed which has been inspected and approved by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Come to the next function at the Community House and enjoy the ease of accessing the second floor.

**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 5th - 28th Fee: \$38

Be on the lookout for the young artists' work that will be displayed in the Orono Public Library during the month of March.

**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 7th 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).

**"OVER THE TAVERN"
APRIL 27, 28 & 29**

Orono Community Theater cast and crew members performs "Over the Tavern" on April 27, 28 and 29 at the Keith Anderson Community House. Look for presale tickets at Orono Pharmacy and performance times on www.oronorec.com or Facebook at Orono Community Theater.

**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 21-June 23.

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

Programs include:

KidZone Summer Day Camp; Double "A" T-ball; Triple "A" Minor League; Summer Swim Lessons; Boys & Girls Basketball School; British Soccer Camp; Red Riot Summer Track Club; Red Riot Field Hockey Camp; Advantage Tennis Lessons; and Red Riot Football Camp.

**ORONO-VEAZIE LITTLE
LEAGUE NOTICE**

Little League baseball is open to players 8-12 yrs old as of May 1, 2012. Little League softball is open to players 8-12 yrs old as of January 1, 2012. Cost is \$45 prior to 3/27/12. Regular Season: end of April to mid-June. All-Star Season: mid-June to July. FMI contact Jonathan White at 745-7415 or jonathanmw@roadrunner.com.

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. 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 March 15- April 12. Please make an appointment by calling 581-1982 and bring all of the necessary paperwork at the time of your appointment.



Ukulele Program

The Library will offer a workshop on the Ukulele, Saturday, March 24 from 10am-2pm in the Community Room. Frets Halligan from Belfast, Maine will present a screening of the ukulele documentary • *Mighty Uke* and will follow with a community ukulele event including performance and teaching. Participants are asked to bring their own ukulele (if they have one) a bag lunch and be ready for an afternoon of fun. Ages 10-adult are welcome to participate and can register by calling: 866-5060. There will be some library ukuleles to test and then check out after the event.



Computer tutoring

Volunteers from the community and the University of Maine will be assisting seniors with computer skills beginning March 8th at the Orono Public Library. This one-on-one tutoring will consist of one hour sessions, for 2-3 weeks tailored to the needs of the student. Appointments can be made by calling 866-5060.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS - MARCH 11TH



Daylight Savings begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 11, 2012.

So when you're changing the clock ahead an hour, it's a great time to also replace the batteries in your smoke detectors.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

For more information, or to sign up for a program, call Louise at 866-5060 or email her at ljolliffe@orono.lib.me.us.

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



Teen Game Afternoons. Meet your friends for some laptop-free time! Every Thursday, from 3ish to 4ish, enjoy snacks while playing board games. No need to sign up, just show up. Let us know you'd like to play games and we'll get you set up!

Teen Movie Night at the Library! For 6th grade and up. March 15th, April 12th and May 10th; 5-7pm. Pizza and popcorn will be served.

Teen Mysteries or Parties. Dates and times to be announced. Let Louise know that you are interested.

Thursdays ~ March 29th, April 26th and May 31st ~ 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.

Tuesdays ~ March 27th, April 24th, May 29th ~ MeSBA Club. For Grades 4 and up – 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 4-7 and dads or mentors. Pre-registration required: 866-5060. Two more meeting dates: March 7th and May 2nd. Meetings take place at the Senior Center, 6-7:30 pm.

Kindred Spirits. A book group for girls, grades 4-7 and their moms or mentors. Pre-registration required: 866-5060. One more meeting date: April 4th. Meetings take place at the Senior Center, 6-7:30 pm.



Special Saturdays with RSU 26 Adult and Community Education. **Messy Art with Louise at the Library**, March 3rd, 10:30am. **Parent and Me Sign Language**, 4 sessions: March 10, 17, 24, 31; 10am, Community room at the library. Please pre-register for these events. Free programs for families!

Remembering the Titanic. Saturday, April 7th, 10am. For grades 3-5. Join Julia at the library to commemorate 100 years since the sinking of the Titanic. Please call to let us know you're coming, so we can plan snacks and activities!

Pixie Ball Committee is taking the year off! The little folk look forward to seeing you in 2013!

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.

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REVIEW
“NO IMMEDIATE CHANGES PLANNED”**

At a recent Operations Committee meeting, Council passed on recommendations to staff for what the solid waste management program in Orono should look like for the upcoming fiscal year. These recommendations were the culmination of several meetings held in recent months to discuss the options the Town has for this program.

In January of 2011, it was determined that it might be prudent to commission a study to review the Town’s entire solid waste program. The goals of the review were to help gain perspective on all phases of solid waste management in Orono in order to better plan and budget for the future of the program. CES, Inc. of Brewer was selected by use of the “Request for Qualifications” process as the firm best fit to conduct the study. CES, Inc. worked with staff during the next few months to conduct the review and presented a report of their findings in April of 2011. The report detailed Orono’s current solid waste management practices and service levels for municipal solid waste, recycling, operation of the construction and demolition debris landfill, and household hazardous waste and universal waste. CES, Inc. also provided some recommendations for the future of the program.

Armed with this report and a considerable amount of research conducted by staff at the direction of the Council, workshops were held at the committee level to discuss each phase of the solid waste program over the past few months. At these workshops, the specifics of the options available to the Town for solid

waste management were discussed. Topics included added services at the landfill to include collection of brush and universal waste, curbside collection of municipal solid waste, pay-as-you-throw fee systems, sorted and single stream recycling collection and the potential use of contracted services versus Town labor and equipment to provide solid waste services. During the process, Councilors and staff considered these options from all angles including the costs of the program, what level of service each option would provide, and how each phase of the program affects the other. The committee also considered less tangible issues like environmental responsibility and long term planning.

In the end, it was determined that it is best for the Town to continue operating as it has been, at least for the short term, while making some minor additions to the program. Staff will be working to find ways to add a brush collection area and an area to collect universal waste like televisions and stereo equipment at the landfill. Details of these program changes will be available as they are developed. No changes were recommended for the curbside collection of solid waste. Staff will be working to expand what materials are accepted as recycled materials and will revisit the option of offering a single stream or “zero-sort recycling” collection next year as options for this service begin to become more readily available to our region.

“ORONO’S SORTED RECYCLING PROGRAM”

The Town of Orono supports a **SORT-ED** recycling program. It is important that recycled materials are placed curbside properly to help facilitate an efficient pickup process and improve the quality of the collected materials. When materials are not sorted properly, materials are damaged or contaminated and pick up crews have to spend extra time at each stop sorting. We ask that you help our effort by following these guidelines:

- Please, separate recyclables in your bin by placing each type in a separate bag, i.e., a bag for tin cans, glass, #2 plastic, and mixed paper.
- Avoid the use of plastic bags. They are not recyclable; paper bags or separate bins for each material are preferred.
- Please crush plastic milk containers. Flatter containers take up less space in the vehicle.
- Please, no “deposit” containers. Donate them to a Scout group or the local Sports Booster club.

More details about sorting materials and what materials are acceptable can be found by clicking on “Trash and Recycling” under the “Services” tab at www.orono.org or by inquiring at the Orono Town Office. The recycling collection dates are listed on the “News and Events” “Calendar”.

Thank you for working to help make this service as efficient as possible.

Orono Thrift Shop

Located in the Birch Street Community Building

Sponsored by

the Orono Health Association

Hours Open:

9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Wednesdays

10:00 AM-3:00 PM, Saturdays

Take Pine St. off Main St... 2nd right off Pine (Birch St.)



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BAGGED LEAVES & BRUSH PICKED UP CURBSIDE

May 8 – May 25, 2012



The Town of Orono will begin picking up bagged leaves and brush on Tuesday, May 8 through Friday, May 25, 2012.

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 12 - May 19, 2012
(Plus May 23 & 26)

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 12 through Saturday, May 19, 2012 (**except Sunday and Monday**) from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Two extra days have been added: Wednesday, May 23rd and Saturday, May 26th 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.

Orono Homes Sold By The Rock Team In 2011 – No One Sells Orono Better!



26 Westwood Drive



1 Colburn Drive



668 Forest Avenue



4 Briarwood Circle



9 Frost Lane



189 Bennoch Road



80 North Main Avenue



20 Sunset Drive



6 Hawthorne Court



715 Forest Avenue



15 Pierce Street



29 Pond Street



20 North Main Avenue



109 Forest Avenue



11 Chapel Road



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ECON. DEVELOPMENT

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removed the mill building at its cost. If you have interest in the residential development, contact Pauline Rock of ERA Dawson Bradford. The project will reserve public overlooks on the Penobscot and Stillwater rivers, connected by a trail.

The clean-up cost nearly \$400,000 and was financed by EPA, Maine Dept. of Economic and Community Development, and Webster Point, LLC.

UCU-Town Agreement to Redevelop in Downtown

In January the University Credit Union and the Town signed an agreement to jointly redevelop the former Katahdin Building site and two adjacent lots at the intersection of Main St. and Bennoch Rd. UCU will build a promi-

nent office building of at least 16,000 square feet, the Town will build a parking facility to serve both the building and the public, and UCU and the Town will jointly fund a small plaza in front of the new building.

The Town and UCU will go through a "schematics" phase to design the site and estimate the costs of construction. Assuming the costs are within budget, it is expected that final design and permits will be obtained before the end of 2012 and ground will break early in 2013. For more information, go to: http://planning.orono.org/katahdin_site_redevelopment

Kelley Road Business Park Takes Shape

The Kelley Road Business Park Advisory Committee presented a conceptual design to the public in January. The concept envisions about 140,000 square

feet of space for professional office, technology, and hospitality businesses within the 30-acre area behind the Boy Scouts headquarters. The design uses a clustered approach with planned open space and trail connections to the adjacent Sklar Park, which the Advisory Committee believes will give the proposed business park a strong image in the market place.

To see the design concept, go to <http://krbp.ces-maine.com/plans.html>.

Comprehensive Plan Update

The Town soon will kick off a process to update its Comprehensive Plan. The part of the plan covering the Town's Forestry & Agriculture district was updated in 2009. The current update will address the rest of the Town. For information, contact Evan Richert at evanr@orono.org.

WINTER PARKING BAN

in effect until April 15, 2012.

STANDARD LANDFILL HOURS, MARCH 30TH

Beginning March 31, 2012, 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.

ORONO ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION SPRING 2012 TERM

Cooking with Debe Averill
Beginning Woodworking
Memory Makes Money!
Marketing Your Business On-line for Success
Driver Education
Baby Sitter Training
CNA & CRMA Training
Water Color Painting
Warm Yoga/Ballet Tone
Hula Hooping for Fun
Tai Chi for Health/Climb Yoga
Maine Driving Dynamics
Introduction to Zumba
Kayak Roll Clinic
Kung Fu for Exercise & Family Self-Defense
Growing Your Own Organic Garden
Introduction to Self-Hypnosis
Fly Fishing/Basic Fly Casting
Mommy, Daddy & Me Sign Language
GED Preparation/High School Diploma Courses

For a more complete listing of courses or to find out about the nearly 400 online distance learning classes that we have available, contact us at 866-4119 or at: www.riversidersu.org/adulted. Most classes start in mid-March or early April.

2012 SCHOODIC INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE SYMPOSIUM TO BE HELD IN ORONO

The Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium, a cultural event that brings together artists, municipalities, and businesses throughout Maine for the purpose of creating public art, will be held in Orono from July through August 2012. Artists selected from all over the world will design and fashion sculptures using Maine stone at the University of Maine's Steam Plant Lot. Orono is one of eight entities that will receive a sculpture, which will be placed at a public site for the enjoyment of all residents and visitors; our sculpture will also become a part of the state-wide Schoodic Sculpture Trail.

An Orono Schoodic Sculpture Citizens Committee has been formed in order to begin the community fund raising effort in support of this exciting event. The Committee's first official meeting will be held on February 16, 2012 in the Orono Council Chambers, 59 Main

Street, Orono. There will be a variety of opportunities to participate throughout the year, so please call the Town Office at 866-2556 if you would like to learn more about the Schoodic Symposium, or if you would like to serve as a member of the Citizens Committee.

Be sure to check future *Orono Observers* for more information and updates as we prepare to host the 2012 Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium!

SUMMER SOUNDS CONCERT SERIES

The "Summer Sounds Concert Series" will be held on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m., from July 11th through August 8th in Webster Park. Details about the performances will be in the next *Orono Observer*, on Cable Channel 7 and listed on the Town's website at www.orono.org.

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.

THE HOUSING FOUNDATION



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- LONGFELLOW HEIGHTS
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Fax: 866-3022
37 Boulder Drive Orono, Maine 04473

Kelley Road



SELF STORAGE

Various sizes to meet your storage needs!

Size	monthly rent	early pay*
5x5	\$28.00	\$25.00
5x10	\$49.00	\$44.00
10x10	\$69.00	\$64.00
10x15	\$89.00	\$84.00
10x20	\$115.00	\$110.00
10x25	\$125.00	\$120.00
10x30	\$140.00	\$135.00

**Pay within 3 business days of due date.*

FOR RENTAL INFORMATION CALL

866-2344

130 Kelley Rd., P.O. Box 287, Orono

**CODE ENFORCEMENT
OFFICE NEWS**

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 APRIL 12, 2012**



Parents of children who will be 5 years of age on or before October 15, 2012 are requested to register for kindergarten for the 2012-13 school year on Thursday, April 12, 2012. 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. Two forms of residency verification are also needed at time of registration.

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

Orono Pre-K Registration

Parents of children who will be 4 years old on or before October 15, 2012 are encouraged to register for Pre-K

for the 2012-13 school year. Registration packets will be available from the school office beginning April 2, 2012. The same documentation required for kindergarten will be necessary for Pre-K registration.

No appointment is necessary to register for Pre-K. Stop by the Asa Adams School office, 6 Goodridge Drive, to pick up a registration packet during the hours below. There is limited enrollment for Pre-K students, so no application will be considered until all required documentation has been received.

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NOTES FROM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY (WPCF)

“Reminder”

Back in October 1996, the Town instituted a new policy regarding the Sewer Use Ordinance which prohibits the connection of basement floor drains, roof drains, sump pumps and any other sources of stormwater to the sanitary sewer. Such connections can contribute to Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO) of raw sewage into the Penobscot River from the Wastewater Treatment Plant following heavy rainstorms and/or during spring run-off periods when flows may exceed the plant's capacity. If your property has a basement floor drain connected to the sewer line, it must be disconnected. A basement floor drain may instead be connected to a storm drain and provided with a proper trap and backwater valve or be fitted with a sump pump and discharged to an appropriate natural outlet.

The Town has honored claims of property owners for any damages resulting from a backup in the Town's sewer line even though there may have been an illegal drain connection. The cost to continue this practice has become prohibitive. Henceforth, any claim which

arises as the result of the prohibited connection of a basement floor drain to the sanitary sewer will not be honored. An acceptable temporary measure would be to plug the floor drain with an expandable drain plug that can be purchased at your local hardware store.

Sanitary Sewer Improvements

For over 15-20 years the Town has been working diligently to locate and rehabilitate those areas of the public sanitary sewer that need repair or replacement. The University of Maine is also rehabilitating areas of their system to reduce and eliminate infiltration and inflow to the public sanitary sewer system. Some areas of the town's system have clay pipes that are 80 years old. These old pipes and manholes are prone to root intrusion that can cause backups and allow excess ground water to enter the public sanitary sewer system that can cause Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO) during

spring runoff. A CSO is an overflow of untreated waste-

water to the Penobscot River when the capacity is exceeded at the wastewater treatment plant.

Property owners also have a responsibility to keep storm water and ground water out of the public sanitary sewer system by rehabilitating their service lines and disconnecting sump pumps, roof drains, and foundation drains. Together with the Town's work and University of Maine's work, CSO's can be eliminated. CSO Projects completed over the last 15-20 years have reduced CSO overflows from 20-30 events per year to 1-2 events per year. During 2011 two CSO events were recorded.

If you have any questions concerning your basement floor drain, roof drains or other drains, you may contact the Code Enforcement Office (866-5051) or the Wastewater Treatment Plant (866-5069).

ORONO HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEEKS ASSISTANCE

The Orono Historical Society has two requests for its citizens. First, we are looking for help in organizing our archives. If you are interested in providing a useful service while learning more about your town, but don't want to commit to membership in the society or attend meetings, then we'll find a job that suits your interests! Projects range from sorting newspaper clippings to photographing and/or researching buildings.

Secondly, we are planning a walking tour of downtown Orono and would appreciate input from people who grew up here and remember stores and businesses from early years and where they were located.

If you can help with either request, please contact Mary Anne Eason at 941-9727 or maeason@gmail.com.

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FREE TREES

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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.

ORONO LAND TRUST — CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY!

Charter members of Orono Land Trust (OLT) will shake heads in disbelief as they realize that it has been 25 years since a For Sale sign in Orono spurred them into action. In 1986 a 44-acre parcel of land owned by the Hilton family of NJ was put on the market. Because local town folks had been using trails on this property for years it was a case of “you don’t miss it until it’s in jeopardy of being gone”. A flurry of events ensued starting with the writing of bylaws and obtaining a preliminary designation as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization from the IRS. This was followed by grant writing, obtaining a mortgage, and raising money to buy the property, then paying off the mortgage during the next two years. The land trust then gave the property to the Town of Orono. The property was later designated the Jeremiah Colburn Natural Area and serves as a town park and hub of the expansive

trail system envisioned by this group of local volunteers 25 years ago.

The land trust will celebrate this milestone at its Annual Meeting, March 30, 2012 at the Keith Anderson Community House, Orono, ME. Refreshments start at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker: Dr. Steven Norton, Professor Emeritus, University of Maine who will answer the question “How Will Water Quality and Quantity Change in Orono, Maine as a Consequence of Climate Change?” Land Trust members, and residents of Orono and surrounding towns are invited to participate. Information and maps showing access to OLT holdings will be on display. We welcome comments from landowners, easement donors, and members on how the OLT can better serve the community.

Jerry Longcore
President, OLT

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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, 2012**

If you believe that you may qualify for either a veteran or homestead exemption, you must apply by April 1, 2012 in order to receive the exemption(s) on your September 2012 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
Mon.-Fri. - 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Public Works: 866-5062
Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Starting April 23 through October 8:
Tues.-Fri. 6:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Recreation: 866-5065
Mon.-Fri. - 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

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 31 - Weds/Sat.
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