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Regular Meetings

June:

- 4 Public Hearing on Budget, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
- 7 Comp Plan Committee, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
- 11 Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
- 18 Special Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber, Adoption of Budget
- 20 Planning Board, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber

July:

- 9 Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
- 18 Planning Board, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
- 19 Comp Plan Committee, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber

August:

- 2 Comp Plan Committee, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
- 13 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
- 15 Planning Board, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Information on the Comprehensive Plan Committee's progress can be found on the Town's website at www.orono.org under Departments/Planning.

TRASH DELAY

Trash pickup will be delayed one day during the weeks of July 4th and Labor Day, September 3rd.

The Town of Orono is an equal opportunity employer and service provider.

2012-2013 TOWN BUDGET

The Town is in the process of developing the budget for fiscal year 2012-2013. Over the course of the last few months, the Town Manager, Department Heads and Town Council have been working hard to present a stable budget.

The next step is for the public to have an opportunity to review the budget and provide input.

In addition to being available on the Town website (www.orono.org), residents will have the opportunity to review the budget at the Town Office.

The public is encouraged to attend the following public meetings on the proposed FY12-13 budget, all to be held in the Council Chamber:

- June 4, 2012, 7:00 p.m., **Public Hearing** on the budget
- June 18, 2012, 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. Contact Town Manager Sophie Wilson at 866-2556, if you have any questions or concerns.

RE-REGISTER YOUR VEHICLES ONLINE

Residents can re-register their vehicles on-line through the Orono website at www.orono.org or directly through www.infome.org/orono.

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



PRIMARY & RSU #26 BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM ELECTION TUES., JUNE 12, 2012

Voting for the June 12, 2012 Election will be held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building, 59 Main Street and at Birch Street Senior Center, 10 Birch Street. Voting hours for the election are 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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 June 12, 2012 Primary and RSU #26 Budget Validation Referendum Election: June 6, 7, 8, 9 & 11 from 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. On voting day, registration of voters will take place at the voting precincts from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

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2012 SCHOODIC INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE SYMPOSIUM

JULY 22-AUGUST 30

An extraordinary six week event where Maine Granite will be transformed into Public Art

The UMaine Steam Plant parking lot will soon become a working outdoor art studio beginning on July 22nd and ending August 30th. Eight highly regarded sculptors will be working with larger than life pieces of Maine granite that will become public sculptures placed throughout the Orono-Old Town-Bangor communities. Orono's sculpture will be in the center of our downtown placed in a plaza in front of the new University Credit Union building planned for construction where the historic Katahdin Building once stood at the intersection of Bennoch and Main Street.

There will be 8 sculptors participating - from Maine, New Zealand, the Netherlands, South Korea, Japan and Taiwan. Orono's artist is Teng Shan Chi from Taiwan. His wife will be creating a sculpture for the University of Maine.

This working outdoor studio will be

open and free to the public. The artists will welcome visitors and when possible will explain their process and answer questions. Orono community volunteers will act as tour guides and will be providing meals for the artists during the week of August 19th - 25th.

The sculpture symposium brings educational opportunity to the town's students. Orono's teachers have participated in workshops with symposium sculptors. Children attending Orono Rec summer camp will have a unique art week. Orono's students will have the symposium highlighted during their first week of school at the end of August. There will be children's summer sculpture workshops at the Library.

The event and the sculpture are supported through donations and fund raising events. Orono is looking to raise

\$20,000 to cover the costs associated with this significant artistic process. There will be an outdoor artist reception on August 2nd poolside at the University Inn as well as a unique auction of things money can't buy on July 27th. Auction items will include a ride to school on a fire engine, creating and naming a new cocktail at Woodman's Grill and creating and naming a new sandwich at Harvest Moon Deli.

This terrific and unique public art event will have lasting impact for generations. In order to realize success, financial support is needed. This Maine granite sculpture will be a beautiful welcome to our community. Your donation will be welcome and important to the project's success. Donations of any amount may be sent to Town of Orono with **SISS** in the memo line, 59 Main Street, Orono, ME, 04473.



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ORONO PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

Office is located on 8 Bennoch Road, the Tredwell Building; call 866-5065 for information on any program.



KIDZONE SUMMER DAY CAMP

This all day summer camp is open to children 5-12 years old for KidZone.

The program provides children with traditional camp experiences of swimming, arts & crafts, sports and games as well as library time. On Fridays, the KidZone Camp will experience field trips! The well-trained staff will provide excellent supervision and leadership!

The Camp will be held at the Asa Adams School, starting June 20th through August 17th.

KidZone Day Camp: Ages 5-12: Monday-Friday, 7:30 am –5:00 pm, June 20th-August 17th, \$90/week.

2012 SUMMER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- Golf Academy Boys, June 18-22/Girls, June 25-29
- Red Riot Track Club June 18-July 26
- Field Hockey Clinic June 25-June 29
- British Soccer Clinic July 9-July 13
- Advantage Tennis Camp
 - 7-14 year olds June 25-June 29
 - 15 years+ (evenings) July 9-July 13
- Orono Basketball School
 - Girls, June 18-June 22/Boys, June 25-29
- Seacoast United Soccer July 30-August 2
- Red Riot Football Skills July 30-August 3



ORONO VILLAGE FESTIVAL SATURDAY, SEPT. 8TH

Join in the food, fun, crafts, and entertainment for all ages in downtown Orono on Saturday, September 8, 2012. Again, this year will be a Chili Cook-Off. Mark your calendar, and check Cable Channel 7 and the Town's website at www.orono.org for details about the day. Contact Parks and Recreation at 866-5065 to reserve a booth or table for festival day or to enter your chili in the cook-off.

SUMMER FUN BROCHURE

Orono Parks and Recreation Summer brochures are at the Recreation Office, 8 Bennoch Road, the Tredwell Building. Check out all the fun activities being offered this summer including the Kid Zone Camp, Sports Clinics, USA Track Program and so much more! Go to www.oronorec.com.



POOL OPENS JUNE 20TH

Pool Schedule through Saturday, August 25 2012:

Weekdays

- 9:30-11:00 am
- 11:30- 1:00 pm
- 1:00-4:00 pm
- 4:30-5:30 pm
- 5:30-7:30 pm

Weekends

- 12:00-1:00 pm
- 1:00-3:30 pm
- 3:45-5:00 pm

Swim Lessons	Monday-Thursday
Lap Swim (15 yrs+)	Monday-Friday
General Swim	Monday-Friday
Adult Lap Swim	Monday-Friday
Family Splash	Monday-Friday
Lap Swim	Saturday/Sunday
General Swim	Saturday/Sunday
Family Splash	Saturday/Sunday

Daily Pool Fees: Mature Swimmer \$2.00; Young Swimmer (under 15) \$1.00; Experienced Swimmer (over 55) \$1.00; Individual & Family Pool Season Passes are available: Individual - \$35; Family Pass for 4 - \$60; Family Pass for 6 - \$80.

NEW TEEN PROGRAM

“Can You Survive Adventure” Camp

For kids going into 6th through 8th grades. August 6th- 10th, 9am-4pm. Meeting place: Keith Anderson Community House. Cost: \$170/week, or \$45/day with 3 day minimum.

Monday-canoeing (bring a lifejacket); Tuesday-zipline, swing and climbing wall; Wednesday-Desert of Maine; Thursday-Acadia National Park; and Friday-Brewer Playland Adventure. Complete description on the website.

“ON THE ROAD” WITH TRAVEL CAMP

For kids going into 6th through 8th grades. August 13th-17th, 9am-4pm. Meeting place: Keith Anderson Community House. Cost: \$170/week, or \$45/day with 3 day minimum.

Monday-Pirates Cove Mini Golf; Tuesday-Lumberjack Show; Wednesday-Echo Lake; Thursday-Drive-In Theater Boat Cruise; and Friday-D.E.W. Animal Kingdom. Complete description on the website.

RECREATION WEBSITE

To register for a Recreation program, go to www.orono.org/Departments/Parks and Recreation. Check us out and create your own family account in order to register for programs and activities. On-line payments are available as well.

ORONO LIBRARY NEWS CORNER

The Orono Public Library serves all ages. Call us at 866-5060 or visit us on the web at www.orono.lib.me.us. Or, better yet, come to the library for a full view of our services.

MUSEUM AND GARDEN PASSES AVAILABLE

Again, this summer the library has passes to three different sites in the state of Maine. Library patrons have had access to the Maine Discovery Museum pass for a number of years now, thanks to the generous contribution by the Friends of the Library. This pass can be reserved for any day that the museum is open and admits four people, one of which must be a child. This pass has been borrowed for 140 days of last year making each visit approximately \$.50 per person!

For the past 2 summers the library received, free of charge, two passes to the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay (www.Main-eGardens.org). The Gardens opened in June of 2007. Since then, the

Gardens have become one of Maine's top attractions and one of the most distinguished botanical destinations in the country. With spring and summer fast approaching, there will be great demand for these passes. We recommend that you call and check availability a few days in advance if you are planning a trip down the coast.

The library also has access to a pass to the Maine State Museum. The pass entitles a family of four free admission. The museum is open Tuesday through Friday and is located in the State House Complex, 230 State Street, Augusta. The Maine State Museum maintains systematic collections of Maine's pre-history, history and natural science. Its goal

is to promote public awareness of Maine's natural resources and historical richness. To reserve any of these passes please call the library at 866-5060 or email: laurie@orono.org.

★ BETWEEN THE COVERS ★

Summer Reading

Check out what's "Between the Covers" this summer at the Orono Public Library's Adult Summer Reading Program. Beginning the first week in July there will be in-house book displays, recommended reading lists and chances to win prizes. Join our blog to share your favorite titles and find out what others are reading: <http://opl-reads.blogspot.com>.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Every Thursday ~ 10:30am: **Infant and Toddler Story Time**, for babies to 4 year-olds and their grown-ups. Join us for stories and a little messy art!



Backyard Bash with Julie and the Bug Boys. Julie and the Bug Boys will be performing behind the library to welcome summer vacation. Thursday, June 14th. The socializing and eating begins at 5:30, with the music beginning at 6pm. The Friends of the Library will be selling healthy food choices and balloons to benefit the library's children's programs. All ages welcome. In case of rain, call the library that day for location of festivities.

Sign up for one of our **summer reading programs**: "Dream Big, Read!" for PreK-5th grades and "Own the Night" for 6th grade and up. Spend time reading this summer and attending our programs and you can earn a chance to win a prize! Upon signing up, you will receive a

reading log and information on all the fun things happening at your library this summer. Sign-up begins (but does not end) at our Backyard Bash!

"Dream Big, Read!" Programs. For six weeks, we will be reading stories and enjoying an activity twice a week from June 19th to July 25th: Tuesdays, 10:30am, for grades PreK – 2; and Wednesdays, 10:30am, for grades 3-5.

"Own the Night" Programs for Teens. For six weeks on Tuesdays, from June 19th to July 24th, at 5pm, we will be hosting a teen program (for 6th grade and up). More information will be available beginning June 14th.

Mad Science of Maine. Wednesday, July 11th, 10:30am, in the Asa Adams cafeteria. *Mad Science* provides a fun-filled, jaw-dropping performance that demonstrates how science can inspire you to dream big and change the world! Mad Science Programs are spectacu-

lar, interactive, science themed shows designed to amaze and entertain young audiences of any size!

The Norman Magic Show. Tuesday, July 31st, 10:30am, in the Asa Adams cafeteria. Will Norman Ng stun us with his energy again? If you missed him the last two years, you better show up! Join us for an amazing and hilarious family magic show not to be missed!

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.

We also offer free passes to the **Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens** in Boothbay and the **Maine State Museum** in Augusta!

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

TIPS FROM THE ORONO TREE BOARD



As the growing season begins we have some suggestions about mulching trees and bushes: Mulch nearly to the trunk but not up against it to help keep insects from getting into the bark. When string trimming and mowing, avoid hitting the trunk to keep from damaging the bark and potentially killing the tree. Water newly planted trees every day for several weeks and often in hot weather.

In the fall of 2011, our town and many others Maine towns, through the Maine Forest Service, were given numerous trees from Duttons Nursery in Morrill. We received fifty trees and managed to plant them all within a six week span on town property. The Town Crew, Recreation Department, community

members, high school Horticulture Class and the football team helped our Tree Board reach the goal of getting them all planted before the snow flew. Most of the trees appear to have survived the winter. There's a Nature Garden on the hill between the elementary and high schools that was planted by Tree Board members over the last six years and an Arboretum with some of the new trees is taking shape in the same area. We also planted trees at the public library, Webster Park, along the hockey rink and Asa Adams ball field, and the Horticulture Class planted some trees by the high school gym. On your walks you might notice the new trees so generously given by the Duttons making our town even more beautiful.



SPRING DINNER/DANCE

Join us for the Spring Dinner and Dance, Friday, June 29th. Your ticket pays for dinner at participating restaurants followed by a dance at the Keith Anderson Community House from 8-11pm. Music by the Intruders. Attire is casual.

Cost is \$40 per couple for the Dinner & Dance! (*Tip is not included.*) Dance only is \$15 per couple.

Participating Restaurants are Thai Orchid, Woodman's, and Bear Brew. Dinner at Margarita's is paid by the couple with a \$15 cost for the dance.

Your ticket also includes a free non-alcoholic drink each after the dance at the participating restaurants.

Tickets may be purchased for the Dinner & Dance at the Orono Parks and Recreation Office, 8 Bennoch Road. For more information, call 866-5065.

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ORONO BOG BOARDWALK YARD SALE – 2012 CHALLENGE GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers of the Orono Bog Boardwalk will hold the 9th annual yard sale on Saturday, June 16th (rain date Sunday, June 17th) at 139 Main Street in Orono. Last year 40 families donated items and we raised \$4,300. Yard sales over the last 8 years have raised \$25,000 for the Boardwalk. Money raised this year will support our operating fund. We are accepting items for the sale now; our goal is to exceed donations and sales from last year!

Please contact Jim Bird (H) 866-2578 or Jim.Bird@umit.maine.edu if you have items to donate or if you can help on sale day. Set-up starts at 5:00 a.m.! We need at least 8 people for that and volunteers to work throughout the day and to help clean up and to help distribute unsold items to local charities, including Habitat for Humanity's ReStore, Goodwill, Orono Thrift Shop, Crossroads Ministries in Old Town, and

local schools. Please call or e-mail if you can help. This year we are unable to accept computers, monitors, televisions, microwave ovens, refrigerators, or bedding. Please check to ensure that electronic items are working before you donate them, because we have to pay for disposal of nonworking items. Deliver items to 139 Main Street, Orono starting May 1st. Please call Jim or send him an e-mail in advance of dropping off items. We can arrange to pick up items after May 1st. Let's continue to make this community yard sale a successful, annual fund-raising event!

The Orono Bog Boardwalk has received an anonymous Challenge Grant of \$25,000 that must be matched by individual donations by June 20th to help us refurbish the Boardwalk. Contact Jim Bird, Director, for information. Visit the boardwalk calendar

(<http://www.oronobogwalk.org/calendar.htm>) to learn about the campaign and our nature walks, which include topics of hydrology, insects, dragonflies, plant adaptations, mosses, liverworts, poetry, and BogKIP (Knitting in Public day on June 9th).

KIWANIS ACTION JULY 19, 20 & 21

The 66th Kiwanis Auction will take place starting at 5:00 pm, Thursday, July 19th through July 21st at the Kiwanis Barn located on Forest Avenue, Orono.

Come check out the auction items, trash and treasure barns, book and toy barns, and try the legendary hot dogs!

One-of-a-kind find in Orono

Exclusive custom-built, 4-bedroom, 2.5-bath waterfront home nestled among 32.16 private acres on the Penobscot River. Enjoy the seclusion and breathtaking views. Relish the serenity while taking advantage of the property's well-worn walking trails or numerous flower gardens and brilliant wildflower beds set against the backdrop of red barns and rolling lawns. Natural landings at the river's edge facilitate canoeing and kayaking.

The home itself is an exposition in warmth and charm with large windows, custom woodwork, and hardwood floors throughout. A generous living room features a classic brick fireplace, and the graceful dining room boasts rich bead-board millwork, brass chandelier and wall sconces. The four bedrooms are spacious and airy—with exquisite river views. The lower level is finished and includes a large game room with cozy woodstove for entertaining.

Located midway between the UMaine campus and Eastern Maine Medical Center, this property is a one-of-a-kind Orono find. It provides unique privacy and unparalleled beauty found in the grandeur of its acreage and extensive river frontage.

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Stillwater Artsapalooza

50 Artists, 15 Venues, 1 fantastic night of arts!

Stillwater Artsapalooza is an exciting event happening in downtown Orono on Saturday, June 23! It is a festival of performing and visual arts that will involve over 50 artists on Saturday, June 23, 2012 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm in downtown Orono. Artists will be performing and displaying their work at the Church of Universal Fellowship, The Store, Verve, Harvest Moon, The Roost, Bear Brew Pub, Lissus Pizza, Orono Pharmacy, Town Council Chambers, Orono Public Library, University Inn, Ted Curtis Law Offices, Orono Methodist Church and the Keith Anderson

some of your favorite local artists and groups perform or display their work! Artists featured at this event include Story Slam, Good-Time Sound, Robinson Ballet, Daniel Lesser, Orono Parks and Recreation Student Art, Ann Ross Dance, Brass Menagerie, Ency Whitehill and James White, Velma, The Artesani Family, The Park Street Pickers, Old Town Elementary School artists, Betty Carr, Fiona Luray, Old Town High School Jazz Band Alumni, Blast Addicts, Fran Vogt, Sanford Phippen and the Puckerbrush Review, The Six Basin Street All

Community Center.

Stillwater Artsapalooza is a fun-filled way to kick off your summer by seeing and hearing

Women's Dixieland Band, Nestor Gonzalez, Colin Graebert and Friends, Greta Landis and Friends, Jen Chalout, Travis Baker, The Orono High School Speech and Debate Team, Stillwater Community Arts Young Artists, Jim Chasse and Friends, Briana Pickering, Abby Cummings and Caitlynn Davenport, Kathi McPhee, Orono High School Drama, Chris and Dan Crocker, Molly Webster, Kathleen Ellis, Mary Drew School of Dance, Harbour Blue, Orono Middle School Jazz Band and many more! So mark your calendars and come on out to Stillwater Artsapalooza on Saturday, June 23 from 6:00 pm-10:00 pm!

For more information, visit stillwatercommunityarts.org or contact Cami Carter at stillwatercommunityarts@gmail.com

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NOTES FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Last month, I celebrated my first anniversary as Orono Town Manager. With a tremendous staff, engaged Council, and dedicated volunteers, we've seen lots of activity in the last twelve months; however, I've been particularly struck by the progress made to date on several economic development initiatives. Under the diligent leadership of the Town's talented and energetic Planner, Evan Richert, multiple projects aimed at creating economic growth and/or infrastructure necessary to support future growth are in the pipeline.

Webster Mill

My first tour of Orono after accepting the Town Manager position included a stop at the Old Webster Mill, which was a dilapidated eyesore with a crumbling structure that posed a hazard to public health and safety. In a few short months, the Town and its private partner, Developers Collaborative, have taken down the building, remediated the contami-

nated soils, and stabilized the shoreline of the property. Today, one can walk the site and enjoy panoramic views of the Stillwater and Penobscot Rivers. This spring, the Town will be transferring ownership of the parcel to our private partners who will begin construction of seven single family attached houses totaling fourteen total units.

Katahdin Site Redevelopment

Over the last year, the Town has been working with the University Credit Union to finalize a formal public-private partnership to develop the former Katahdin Site located at the corner of Bennoch Road and Main Street in downtown. This project envisions the construction of a building of at least 16,000 square feet as well as a parking facility and plaza that will become a defining gateway to the University and an anchor for downtown. The terms of the agreement call for UCU to construct and finance a building of at least 16,000 square feet

for its administrative headquarters, the Town to construct and finance a parking facility, and both partners to equally share in the construction of a plaza. By working together, the Town and UCU are able to move forward with a project that would not be feasible to undertake separately. The tax revenue generated by the new building construction will be captured in the Tax Increment Financing District, which will be used to fund the Town's annual debt repayment for the parking facility. The Town and UCU have engaged WBRC Architects and Engineers of Bangor and will be in the process of developing schematic designs over the next four months.

Kelley Road Business Park

The Town has been working with the Katahdin Council of the Boy Scouts, Cole Family Foundation, and interested community members serving on the

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NOTES FROM WASTEWATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

Construction Projects for summer 2012

Beginning on or about May 15th work will begin to flush and clean the sanitary sewer system starting with the west side of Orono. Cleaning the sanitary sewer annually prevents back-ups and maximizes the hydraulic capacity of the sanitary sewers. This work will be ongoing from May through June.

In May manholes will be installed on Summer St. and Crosby St. A manhole will be installed on Charles St. in September. At Crosby St. this work involves installing a new manhole to facilitate access for maintenance. Summer St. work will replace an existing manhole that is in poor condition. This work will take about a week to complete. The Charles St. manhole replacement will be completed later in September.

In June work will get underway to replace the culvert at the intersection of Island Avenue and Margin Street. Additionally, the sanitary sewer over the culvert will be replaced at the same time. The project will take 70 calendar days to completion. A manhole or clean out installation is planned at the intersection of Spring and Mill Street, again to facilitate access for maintenance of the sanitary sewer.

On or about July 9th reline projects are planned for Summer St. and University Place. This work involves installing a PVC liner inside of the existing old clay pipe. The reline process is quick, less intrusive to the neighborhood, and is a cost effective method of pipe rehabilitation. This work will take 3 weeks to complete.

Also beginning in July, manhole rehabilitation is planned for Noyes Drive and Sunrise Terrace. The project involves 8 manholes to be rehabilitated using the Monoform Process that pours concrete inside an existing manhole to form a new in place manhole. The Monoform Process is also quick, less intrusive to the neighborhood, and is a cost effective method of manhole rehabilitation. This work should take about 4 weeks to complete.

Finally, work is planned to raise or replace manhole rings and covers on Mill St., Park St., Grove St., and Wallace Lane.

Should anyone have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Orono Water Pollution Control Facility at 866-5069.



RECYCLING INFORMATION

Recycling is picked up curbside for certain items. Remember to place materials out by 7:00 a.m. Items must be separated.

Check the website for details at: www.orono.org or pick up a flyer at the Town Office. Recycling pickup dates for the next few months are listed on page 12.

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PROPERTY WATCH

With many residents going away for vacations, the Orono Police Department would like to remind property owners that we will conduct checks of your property while you are away. Simply call 866-4000 to complete a Property Watch information sheet. Officers will then routinely check your property for any unwanted activity.

As a reminder, please report any suspicious persons or activity to the police as soon as possible.

ADVERTISE IN THE ORONO OBSERVER

Ads are \$90/quarter page and must be submitted camera ready (pdf file preferred). Please contact Nancy Ward at 866-2556 to reserve space in the September/October/November 2012 *Orono Observer*. Note: Advertisements contained in this newsletter are paid for by the advertiser and do not represent an endorsement by the Town of Orono.

NOTES FROM TOWN MANAGER

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Advisory Committee, to design and permit a business park on approximately 30 acres located just off the Kelley Road. After several months of planning with the Advisory Committee, the Town is preparing to submit an application to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection for a planning permit. This project is funded through a grant that the Town received from the Small Business Administration.

In addition to these major Town projects, we also continue to partner with the Orono Village Association, Orono Economic Development Corporation, University of Maine, City of Old Town, and other entities to roll out economic development opportunities. The Town Council continues to prioritize efforts aimed at developing Orono's downtown, building out the Maine Technology Park, and creating a sustainable economic climate that will support a high quality of life in our community.

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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT NEWS Requirements of the State Wide Building Code

On December 1, 2010 the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Codes (M.U.B.E.C.) went into effect. (You can view these Codes on the State's web site at - <http://www.maine.gov/dps/bbcs>). The purpose of M.U.B.E.C. is to have a uniform set of Codes. Building contractors and do-it-yourselfers are required to perform all work according to the standards of the Codes. The intent of the legislation was that architects, developers, builders, contractors, and property owners alike are all held to identical standards. Permits are required to construct, erect, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish or to change the occupancy of a building or structure. The Codes require that all applications for a permit are accompanied by two or more sets of construction documents. Construction documents are to be of sufficient clarity to indicate the location, nature and extent of the work proposed, and to show in detail that the

proposed work will conform to the provisions of the Codes and other relevant laws, ordinances, rules and regulations. Construction documents submitted with the application for a permit must be accompanied by a site plan showing the size and location of the new construction as well as existing structures on the site, and the distances to all property lines. The Code Officer is required to review the application for conformance with the requirements of all applicable codes. If the application and plans meet the requirements of the pertinent laws and codes, the Code Officer shall issue a permit. If the applications and plans do not meet the requirements of the pertinent laws and codes, the application must be denied in writing stating the reasons for the denial. If you have any questions about the above, please feel free to call or stop in to the Code Office. Our phone number is 866-5051.

Enticing Offerings in Orono!



5 Winterhaven Drive

Delightful architect-designed, custom-built 5-bedroom, 3-bath energy-efficient home bordering the Orono Land Trust. This beauty sits on 1.2 acres in a great neighborhood within walking distance to the village. Custom maple kitchen cabinets. Attached 2-car garage. Mature gardens and landscaping. Root cellar. #1049057 \$299,000



Shadbrush Lane, off Forest Avenue

Five lots offering a simpler life where you can walk on sidewalks to town or on trails in abutting conservation land. Town water and sewer. Enjoy the University's amenities. Lots range from 0.5 acre to 4.75 acres with prices from \$32,000 to \$70,000.



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TOWN & COUNTRY

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE UNDERWAY

The Town has embarked on an 18-month schedule to update its Comprehensive Plan. The full plan was last updated in 1998. Part of the plan, dealing with rural land use in the Forestry and Agriculture District, was updated in 2009. The current effort will bring the plan fully up to date in compliance with state law.

The Town Council appointed the members of the Planning Board plus seven other citizens to lead the update. The members of the Committee are:

Vinal Applebee (Vice Chair), Dennis Cross, Farahad Dastoor, Kenny Fergusson, Sharon Quinn Fitzgerald, Abe Furth, John Jemison, Mark Kittridge, Dan McConville, Judd McIntosh, Phil Ruck (Chair), Christa Schwintzer, David Thompson, and Ryan Tipping-Spitz.

Meetings normally will be the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m., Town Council Chambers, unless a holiday interferes. All members of the public are welcome and will have a chance to provide input at each meeting.

The Committee expects to hold two public meetings in October 2012 on issues facing the Town, and two more in March 2013 on possible strategies to solve problems and take advantage of opportunities.

You can track progress at http://planning.orono.org/comprehensive_plan_update.

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.

Orono Thrift Shop Located in the Birch Street Community Building

Sponsored by the Orono Health Association

Hours Open:
9:00AM-4:00PM, Wednesdays
10:00AM-3:00PM, Saturdays

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



*Orono Village Association and
Orono Parks & Recreation Dept.
present*

SUMMER CONCERTS IN WEBSTER PARK

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM
ALL CONCERTS ARE FREE

July 11 - Blast Addicts
July 18 - Retro Rockers
July 25 - Velma
August 1 - Everate Dumas
August 8 - Roy Hudson Band

Bring your own lawn chair or blanket.

Webster Park - corner of Main St. and North Main Ave.

In the event of rain, concerts will be held in the
Keith Anderson Community House, 19 Bennoch Road

POOPER SCOOPER ORDINANCE

The Animal Ordinance (Sec. 6-37) requires dog owners to pick up their dog's feces. The language is as follows:

"It shall be a violation of this section for any person who owns, possesses, or controls a dog to fail to immediately remove or dispose of any feces left by his or her dog on any street, sidewalk or public or privately owned property of another".

Dogs accompanying a handicapped person are exempt. Please be respectful of others and clean up after your dog.

DOG LEASH LAW

The Animal Ordinance (Sec. 6-29) addressed dogs running at large and the leash requirements. The language is as follows:

"(a) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog, whether licensed or unlicensed, to permit such dog to run at large, except when used for hunting. (b) Any dog shall be controlled by a leash of not more than eight feet in length in the following areas within the Town of Orono: (1) All properties, public ways, and sidewalks located within the Village Commercial District; (2) School and library properties; (3) Birch Street School property; (4) Marden Park; and (5) Webster Park.

Nothing in this subsection shall require the leashing of any dog while it is on the property of its owner. No dog shall be left unattended in the areas listed in this subsection."

**HOMESTEAD
EXEMPTION**
is for everyone if...
you answer yes

- ◆ Are you a resident of the State of Maine?
- ◆ Will you have owned a home in the State of Maine for at least the past 12 months prior to April 1, 2013?
- ◆ 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 \$10,000 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, 2013**

If you believe that you may qualify for either a veteran or homestead exemption, you must apply by April 1, 2013 in order to receive the exemption(s) on your September 2013 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 6:00 AM to 4:30 PM Tuesday-Friday
Recreation:	866-5065 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday-Friday
Library:	866-5060 Mondays - Closed Tues. & Thurs. - 10 AM - 7 PM Wed. & Fri. - 10 AM - 5 PM Saturdays - 9 AM - 1 PM
Disposal Area (Landfill):	Wed. & Sat. - 8 AM - 4 PM (Obtain permits from Town Office)
Curbside Recycling Dates:	May 31/June 1, 14, 15, 28, 29 July 12, 13, 26, 27 August 9, 10, 23, 24

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Inside:

Town Budget Public Hearing,
June 4th, 7pm
Primary & RSU#26 Budget Validation
Referendum Election, June 12th