



Orono Observer

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LEAF & BRUSH PICKUP

Northside - Nov. 5
Southside - Nov. 13

The Town of Orono will once again be picking up leaves and brush. Leaves must be bagged and brush neatly stacked at curbside.

Pickup for the north side of Stillwater River will be the week of November 5, 2012. All leaves/brush must be curbside by Sunday, November 4th.

Pickup for the south side of Stillwater River will be the week of November 13, 2012. All leaves/brush must be curbside by Monday, November 12th. Items placed out after the deadlines will not be picked up.

Orono Public Works will pick up leaves/brush Monday through Friday. Due to reduced staffing levels, it may take longer to pick up all the items. Items placed curbside by the deadlines will be picked up. Remember, brush must be cut into four-foot sections and not be larger than six inches in diameter.

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WELCOME BACK UNIVERSITY OF MAINE STUDENTS

The Town would like to welcome new and returning University of Maine students, faculty, and friends to Orono. For those who wish to register to vote, or register their vehicle, the Town Office is open M – F from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. If you have questions about these, or any of the services Orono offers, please stop by to see us, or visit our web site at www.orono.org

SAVE THE DATE & OTHER PLANNING NEWS

Community Workshop
Wednesday, November 7th

The Comprehensive Plan Committee invites the community to an “issues spotting” workshop Wednesday, November 7th at 5:30 p.m. Save the date and watch for more information as the date gets closer.

The Committee is spending its first months collecting information on population, housing, the economy, town services and other aspects of Orono and the larger region. It is sifting through the information and identifying the big issues Orono needs to tackle over the next several years. This is an important step: to get the right answers to issues, we need to make sure we have the right questions.

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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL



Saturday, October 6th

The Town of Orono will participate along with over 20 greater Bangor area towns in the annual collection of household hazardous waste. On Saturday, October 6, 2012, Orono residents can bring their hazardous waste items to the Bangor Public Works Department at 530 Maine Avenue, which is near the Bangor Airport, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Additional traffic lanes will be open again this year, making the process quick and easy.

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REGULAR MEETINGS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Town Council Meetings, 7:00 pm

September 10, October 15,
and November 19

Planning Board Mtgs, 7:00 pm

September 19, October 17,
and November 14

BLACK BEAR/ORONO SHUTTLE BUS RESUMES SERVICE

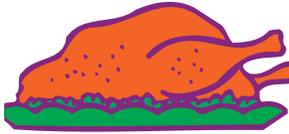
The Black Bear/Orono Express resumed service on **Tuesday, September 4th**. This Shuttle service, which is **free to all**, brings riders between downtown Orono and the University of Maine in a thirty-minute loop. Entering its 4th year of service, the Shuttle has exceeded ridership expectations, carrying more than 45,000 riders during the 2011-12 academic year.

Currently, the Shuttle runs from Mill and Pine Streets in Orono, making stops in the Webster neighborhood, Orchard Trails, Talmar Woods, the University Credit Union, the Student Recreation

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SENIOR CITIZEN THANKSGIVING DINNER



The Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner will be held **Thursday, November 15th, 4:30 pm at the Birch Street Senior Center**, off Pine Street. The dinner is sponsored by the Orono Town Employees.

All Orono Senior Citizens are invited to attend.

If you would like to attend, please call the Town Office at 866-2556 to make your reservations.

SHUTTLE BUS

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Center, and the Student Union before returning to the downtown Orono village area.

Hours of service are 6:55 am to 9:55 pm Monday through Saturday.

Check www.orono.org, or UMaine.edu/shuttle for full shuttle bus schedule information. Schedules are also available at the Orono Town Office.

Consider saving time, energy and gas by riding the Black Bear-Orono Express Shuttle.

TOWN OFFICE NEWS

Trash **will be delayed** one day due to the Labor Day holiday and Thanksgiving Day holiday.

Trash will **not** be delayed due to the Columbus Day holiday and Veteran's Day holiday.

2013 DOG TAGS

Dog tags for 2013 will be available at the Town Office after October 15th.

PROPERTY TAXES

DUE FRIDAY, SEPT. 21ST

Property tax bills were mailed in August. The first-half of these taxes are due on Friday, September 21, 2012 and the second-half will be due Friday, February 8, 2013.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS NOVEMBER 4TH REPLACE BATTERIES

When Daylight Savings ends it's a good time to replace those smoke detector batteries. So when you change the clock back one hour on Sunday, November 4th, 2012 replace the batteries in your smoke detectors.



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ORONO PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

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

COMMUNITY HOUSE ACTIVITIES

19 Bennoch Road

Mondays:

Preschool Playgroup, 9:00-11 am,
Drop in, no cost. Starts Dec 3rd.
Yoga Happy Hour, 5:30-6:30 pm,
starts September 10th.

Tuesdays:

Mary Drew School of Dance
Ballet - K-1st grade, 3:30 pm;
Grades 2-3, 4:30 pm.
Step Aerobics, 6:00-7:00 pm
OCT Rehearsals, 7:30 pm

Wednesdays:

Pre-school Ballet, 3:30 pm

Thursdays:

Mary Drew School of Dance
Ballet, 4-6 graders, 3:30-4:30 pm
Pointe Class, 4:30-5:30 pm
Step Aerobics, 6:00-7:00 pm

Fridays:

2nd Friday of the month - Arts
Cafe

Saturdays:

2nd Sat. - Contra Dance 8-11 pm
3rd Sat. - Dadgad Coffeehouse,
6-11:00 pm



YOUTH FOOTBALL

Come and join in the fun while learning to play the game of football! Each level progresses from Flag with equipment for the 2-4 graders to Full Contact with equipment for 5-6 graders. Practices vary depending on grade groups with games on the week-ends. The Full Contact Program plays in a league which requires some traveling. Starts the week of August 20th.

Cost: Flag w/Equipment (3-4 graders) \$45. Full Contact (5-6 graders) \$55. Multiple child discount – Family Rate \$80.



PRE-K & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Orono Parks and Recreation offers supervised care for your child during the after school hours Monday through Friday from 2:30-5:30 pm.

This year the Afternoon Session of Pre-K Care runs from 11:00 am -2:30 pm (or 5:30 pm). This new group of Pre-K Students will be picked up at Asa Adams after the morning session of Pre-K School. After 2:30 pm the children will be integrated into the regular Afterschool Care Program until 5:30 pm if that is the desire of the parent(s). Cost for Pre-K Care is \$35/week (11 am - 2:30 pm) and \$85/week (11 am -5:30 pm).

The program is open to children attending Asa Adams School in kindergarten through 5th grade.

Cost: \$55 per school week; or \$15 per day. The fee is \$22 per day during School vacations (open 7:30 am –5:30 pm). *The program operates on snow days!*

Arrangements will be made for the first two weeks of kindergarten with a program available each day at 1:00 pm. Call 866-5065 for more information.



YOUTH SOCCER

Registrations are now being accepted for the fall Youth Soccer season. Deadline for registrations is Friday, September 7th. The Rec Youth Soccer Program is open to all children in kindergarten through 6th grade.

Cost for the program is \$25/child for residents and \$35/child for non-residents. Multiple child discounts available!

- Junior League (K-1st grade)
- *Senior League (2-3 grades)
- *Pro League (4-6 grade)

*Some games played against Veazie and Glenburn.

**3RD PIE IN THE SKY
1-MILE FUN RUN
AND 5K ROAD RACE**

Saturday, September 8th, in conjunction with Orono Festival Day, OHS Nordic Ski Team will sponsor a 1-Mile Fun Run starting at 9:00 am and a 5K Race starting at 9:45 am in the parking lot behind the Fire/Police Station.

Pre-registration is \$12 per person or \$30 per family. Race Day registration is \$15 per person or \$35 perfamily.

First 30 to register will receive a limited 2012 Race t-shirt! Race registrations are available at www.oronorec.com or www.oronoruns.com.

ORONO VILLAGE FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 8th

Join in the food, fun, crafts, and entertainment for all ages in downtown Orono on Saturday, September 8, 2012. Mark your calendar, and check the website at www.oronno.org and Cable Channel 7 for details about the day. *New this year - Chili Cook-Off Competition.*

Contact the Parks and Recreation Office at 866-5065 to reserve a booth or table for the festival.



ORONO LIBRARY NEWS CORNER

The Orono Public Library serves all ages. For more information or to sign up for a program, 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

New! Online Book Clubs and Book Lists!

Patrons of our library can now access lists of new books in 21 different genres and 12 different online book clubs by visiting our web site: <http://library.orono.org>. Click on the Book News icon and subscribe to any or all of the booklists OR click on the book club link to subscribe to a favorite genre book club. After subscribing to the book lists, patrons will receive a welcome e-mail and then an e-mail once a month with notification of the newest lists. The book clubs come in a daily e-mail with a short 5 minute excerpt. At the end of the week, if the book is of interest, the library staff is happy to help patrons access a hard copy or electronic copy of the book.

For more information, please contact us at 866-5060 or laurie@orono.org.

Do you want to join a book club?

The library currently hosts two monthly book clubs from September–May of each year. The Tuesday Readers meet at 10am and the Thursday Thoughtful Readers meet at 3pm during the third week of each month. Upcoming titles will be available soon, please check our web site for updates.

Book Group Match Maker Service Available

If you are unable to attend these book groups at the library OR if you are currently a member of a non-library book club who is welcoming new members please let us know and we'll try to make a match!

Please get in touch by phone, email: 866-5060 or laurie@orono.org or in person with your contact information and/or the details of your group. Books are better when shared!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Every Thursday ~ 10:15am: Infant Story Time, for birth to 18 months and their grown-ups. **11:00 am: Toddler Story Time**, for up to 4 years and their grown-ups. Join us for stories, songs and fingerplays!

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! What is the best back to school gift for your special student? A library card! Visit us to find out how to get one... (It's really easy!) If your child is in Kindergarten, he/she will be visiting with the class at least once a month and will receive a library card application form to bring home.

Teen Movie Night at the Library! For 6th grade and up. September 13th, October 11th, November 8th, December 13th; 5-7pm. Pizza and popcorn will be served.

Thursday ~ September 27th, October 25th, November 29th and December 20th ~ 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.

Monthly Mantis with Holly Twining ~ September 13th, October 11th, November 8th, December 13th, 3:30-4:30, for children K-5. Let your energy flow and bring peace to your soul with some imaginative yoga moves!

Tuesday ~ September 25th, October 30th, November 27th and December 18th ~ 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. The first of four meetings will be



on Wednesday, November 7th. Meetings take place at the Senior Center, 6:00-7:30pm.

Kindred Spirits. A book group for girls, grades 4-7 and their moms or mentors.



Pre-registration required: 866-5060. The first of four meetings will be on Wednesday, October 17th. Meetings take place at the Senior Center, 6:00-7:30pm.

Special Saturdays with RSU 26 Adult and Community Education. October 13th, 10:30am, **Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers**, Keith Anderson Community House. November 3rd, 10:30am, **Earth Jams**, celebrate global harmony with music and storytelling, at the Keith Anderson Community House. December 1st, 10:30am, **Messy Art with Louise!**, at the library. Free programs for families!

Magician's Workshop. Sponsored by RSU 26 Adult and Community Education and the library. November 10th, 10am-1pm, at the library. This free class is limited to 20 kids, grades K-5. Please pre-register by emailing louise@orono.lib.me.us or calling Louise at 866-5060.

2012 Halloween Party with Orono Parks & Recreation. Friday, October 26th, 4:30–6pm at the Orono Public Library. Stories, crafts, hay rides and treats!

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!

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

THE LIBRARY IS A “COOL” PLACE!

The library is now one of the “coolest” places in town! The Town Council recently voted to move ahead with the addition of air conditioning in the library. This was in the original building plan but was excluded when the costs for the facility were more than expected.

Now, with generous contributions from the Helen Park Estate and the Orono Public Library Board of Trustees, the Library was given the nod to actively seek estimates for the installation of “climate control”. In July of this year, Mechanical Services completed the work that has made library patrons, staff, as well as library materials, much happier with less heat and humidity during the summer months. A big thanks to all of those involved with this development!

Wednesday Wonders - a monthly program for area seniors will begin again on Wednesday, September 26th at 12:30pm. Through a cooperative effort with the Orono Adult Education program, the Eastern Agency on aging will present a program on Medicare. Light refreshments will be served.

E-Reader workshop – Join the ever increasing group of e-book readers on Tuesday, November 13th at 6pm. Library staff will be on hand to assist you in using your e-reader device and the free downloadable e-library that can be found on our web site: <http://library.orono.org>. Please call 866-5060 to reserve a space for either one of the above programs.

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FALL 2012 TERM**

- Cooking with Debe Averill
- Beginning Woodworking
- Extreme Couponing 101
- Introduction to Fly Tying
- Driver Education
- Buying & Selling on eBay
- Drawing or Water Color Painting
- Warm Yoga
- Ballet Tone
- Hula Hooping for Fun
- Tae Kwon Do
- Paddle Board Yoga
- Maine Driving Dynamics
- Introduction to Zumba
- Kayak Roll Clinic
- Ballroom Dance
- Digital Photography
- Hospice Volunteer Training
- CPR/First Aid or Pet First Aid
- Cooking Made Easy
- Introduction to Sign Language
- DIY Weddings
- Introduction to Crochet
- iPad and Facebook
- Orono Bog Tour
- Suminagashi
- Jewelry Beading
- GED Preparation and High School Diploma Courses

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TEMPORARY LANDFILL CLOSURE

To accommodate the construction of a new cell at the Orono Construction Demolition and Debris Landfill, the landfill will be closed to all residents and businesses until October 17th.

During the construction period, arrangements have been made with the City of Old Town to accommodate Orono permit holders. The City of Old Town has graciously agreed to honor Orono Landfill Permits at the City facility located on Gilman Falls Avenue. Permits must be purchased at the Orono Town Office and be handed to the City of Old Town landfill attendant at the time of arrival at the Old Town facility.

Orono permit holders may access the City of Old Town Facility on Saturdays and Sundays from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM. All Orono Landfill permits will be

honored regardless of purchase date. New permits must be purchased at the Orono Town Office in accordance with standard practice and the fee schedule.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the expansion project, the arrangement with the City of Old Town, or any other general issues, please feel free to contact Rob Yerxa, Director of Public Works at 866-5062, or via email at ryerxa@orono.org.

Thank you for your patience, cooperation, and respectful use of the City of Old Town Facility as we work to complete this much needed project. We appreciate the generous assistance from the City of Old Town to ensure continued service to Orono residents until the planned reopening of the Orono Landfill on October 17, 2012.



WINTER PARKING BAN

With the approaching winter season, a brief review of off-street parking regulations is useful to avoid inconvenience. The Town of Orono has a "parking ban" from November 1 to April 15. Motor vehicles must be parked in off-street locations between 12 midnight and 8:00 am.

During a major snow storm, the Public Works Department has to plow the streets in the daytime. Vehicles in residential areas are required to be parked off street at these times to aid in snow removal. If owners of motor vehicles do not comply, they can be fined from \$10 to \$100 each day or vehicles can be towed. Please help the snow plow crews and keep vehicles parked off-street overnight and during storms.

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SUNDAYS

Through September 2, Sunday Morning Worship is at 9:30 am.

Beginning on September 9:

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

And, of course, **Messy Church!** Fun for the whole family!
Geared and planned for children of all ages, **Messy Church!**
is a time of crafts, games, supper, and a short and lively worship.

SATURDAYS, October 13th, November 10th, and December 8th

4 - 6 pm All welcome!

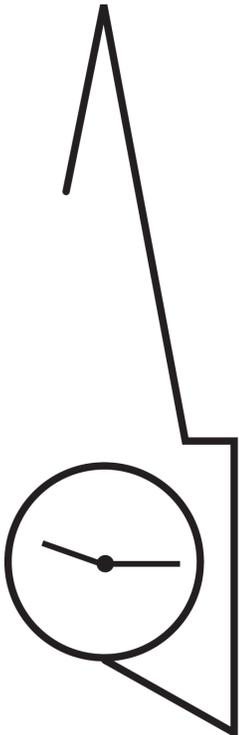
Church Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00-2:00

Please call or email or visit our website for more information

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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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CODE

ENFORCEMENT NEWS

PERMITS REQUIRED FOR NEW HEATING APPLIANCES

With Bangor Gas running supply lines to service new customers, the Code Enforcement Office wants to remind homeowners that before you convert your heating systems to natural gas you must obtain a permit for the new heating appliance.

Heating Permit Application Forms can be obtained by calling the Code Enforcement Office at 866-5051 or by downloading the form from the Town's website at <http://codeenforcement.orono.org/overview>.

YARD SALE SIGNS

The Code Office would like to remind all property owners that, when holding a "Yard Sale" they must remove all yard sale signs placed at any locations when the sales are over.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

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Examples of some acceptable items for disposal are: lawn and garden pesticides, automotive fluids, left-over oil based paints, bug sprays, rat poisons, fungicides, and herbicides; items containing mercury, such as fluorescent light bulbs, will also be accepted. Other items that may be dropped off include gun cleaning solvents, old gasoline, brake fluid, anti-freeze, other oils/cleaners, paint thinner/stripper and varnish. Each household may dispose of up to fifteen (15) gallons of material.

One television, computer system, monitor, and keyboard per household can also be dropped off. Several materials, such as latex paint, flashlight batteries, and commercial waste will not be accepted. A more complete list of acceptable and non-acceptable items for disposal is available at the Town Office.

In order to participate in this program, you **MUST PRE-REGISTER at the Town Office between September 10, 2012 and noon on October 5, 2012.** Please bring an inventory of items and volume of material for disposal, and you will be provided with a no-cost permit to be admitted into the drop-off location.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a once a year event, with no charge to you as a resident, provided you **pre-register and bring your permit** with you to the drop-off location. Residents who do not pre-register will be charged a \$10 fee if they wish to dispose of items on the day of the event.

Questions about the annual household hazardous waste disposal may be referred to the Assistant Town Manager at 866-2556.

Recycling Dates through 2012

Recycling is picked up curbside for certain items. Place materials out by 7:00 a.m. on the date that coincides with your trash pickup. **Items must be separated.**

Check the website for details at: <http://www.orono.org/recycle.html> or pick up a flyer at the Town Office.

Recycling dates for Thursday or Friday pickups:

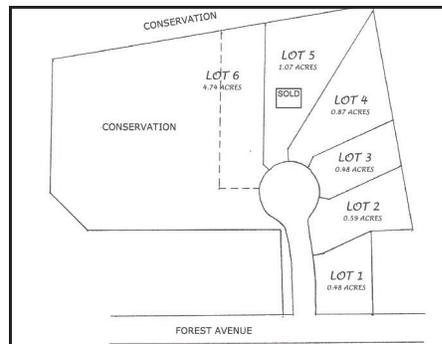
2012:	Sept	6, 7	20, 21
	Oct	4, 5	18, 19
	Nov	1, 2 15, 16	29, 30
	Dec	13, 14	27, 28

Holidays (observed by Pine Tree Waste) that will delay trash pickup by one day:

New Years, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

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ORONO POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

SCHOOL'S OPEN

The Police Dept. would like to remind everyone that a new school year has arrived. We would like to take a moment to remind everyone of ways to make this year a safe one.

Parents and children should sit down and plan a schedule of events. This planner should be placed somewhere in the house so it can be referenced quickly. Some of the items in the planner should include the route the child is to use when traveling back and forth from home or special days when school is let out early. Consider a comment section to let your kids know where you will be on certain days. The section will remind parents that their child has an appointment or will be at a friend's house. Make a list of contact numbers to get in touch with the parents or guardian. There should be a list of phone numbers of the children's friends. This planner may include

some instructions to follow concerning having friends in the house without adult supervision or if he/she wants to go somewhere after school, it must be approved first. There are many other ideas that can be added to the planner. Pick what works for your family and stick to it.

The following are a couple of topics to consider this school year:

STOPPING FOR A SCHOOL BUS WITH LIGHTS FLASHING

The operator of a vehicle on the road, parking area or school property on meeting or overtaking a school bus from either direction when the bus has stopped with its red lights flashing to receive or discharge passengers, shall stop the vehicle before reaching the school bus. The operator may not proceed until the school bus resumes motion or until signaled by the school bus operator to proceed. Title 29a Sec 2308.

PEDESTRIANS IN MARKED CROSSWALK

When traffic-control devices are not in operation, a driver must yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing in a marked crosswalk. Title 29a Sec 2056.

NEW PARKING REGULATIONS ON MILL STREET

The 2 parking spaces on Mill St., in front of the Orono Pharmacy, have been removed. It is now unlawful to park there, and parking tickets will be issued to violators.

The spaces have been removed because of public safety concerns in the event of an emergency on Mill Street.

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BLUE ON BLUE BENEFIT SOFTBALL

On September 15th, at 1 pm, the third Blue on Blue Benefit Softball game will be held at the University of Maine, Mike Kessock Softball Field. Local police will take on the UMaine Men's Hockey Team in an effort to raise money for Special Olympics Maine. Gift Certificates from area restaurants and businesses, and Maine Hockey items will be raffled off during the game, with food and drinks provided (donations appreciated!). Please come out and support Special Olympics.



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NOTES FROM WPCF - Biological Nutrient Removal

The Orono Wastewater Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) and sanitary sewer system has been designed to collect and treat the wastewater from the inhabitants of the Town of Orono and University of Maine. The first generation plant was constructed in 1968 and upgraded in 2007.

Although not required yet by the regulatory agencies, included in the upgrade was Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR) called 5-Stage Bardenpho process. The BNR process is a practical and cost effective method to reduce phosphorous and nitrogen levels in the plant effluent without adding complex physical and chemical systems. Nutrients are a concern because phosphorous can cause algae blooms and depletes oxygen in water bodies. Nitrogen in the environment as ammonia can be toxic to fish and aquatic species.

The original plant was designed as a conventional activated sludge system to process raw sewage and reduce its organic content, oxygen demand, and

pathogenic content. Nutrient removal was not of major concern for most first generation plants. However, due to new studies and technologies over the years, nutrient removal has been found to be necessary, even at small levels, to protect the ecological environment for water bodies and estuaries across the country. It was for this fact that BNR process was included in the upgrade.

The activated sludge process consists of growing living microbes to break down and utilize raw sewage as a food source. This is normally done in a tank provided with mixing and dissolved oxygen to create an aerobic environment for the microbes to thrive. Laboratory testing and process control are necessary to maintain proper balance between the microbe population and organic loading. The BNR process at the Orono Water Pollution Control Facility has been designed as a side stream process with in the activated sludge process. This was accomplished by controlling the microbial environment in a series of tanks. BNR treatment for ammonia/nitrogen is

accomplished by eliminating dissolved oxygen and creating anoxic conditions for the microbes to utilize ammonia/nitrogen in place of oxygen to form nitrogen gas which is released to the atmosphere.

BNR treatment for phosphorus is accomplished again by controlling the microbial environment. At the Orono plant the raw sewage and return activated sludge are mixed in an anaerobic selector tank located ahead of the aeration basin. The selector creates an environment that allows phosphorus accumulating organisms to grow. When the wastewater flows from the selector to the aeration basin where oxygen is added, luxury uptake of phosphorus occurs.

On June 11th, we began another trial run of the Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR) process. Two anoxic basins and nitrate recycle pump were placed in operation. On July 27th, Selector 1 was placed in operation. At this juncture, we are pleased with the plant effluent levels for phosphorus and ammonia/nitrogen.



You're Invited!

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SAVE THE DATE & OTHER PLANNING NEWS (continued from cover page)

The committee is looking for the advice of residents and businesses: What problems and opportunities are in front of the Town, which ones are the biggest or most urgent, which ones affect particular neighborhoods and how? If we can agree on the problems and their causes, the committee can focus on recommending the right solutions.

So come help us understand the issues and opportunities on your streets, in your neighborhoods, and around Town.

Webster Point

Development of the first two units at Webster Point is expected to be underway soon. The Town completed the clean-up of the former Webster Mill property at the junction of the Penobscot River and the Stillwater Branch in the spring and transferred title to Webster Point LLC at the end of June.

BUSINESS & TECH PARK DEVELOPMENT

In July the Town submitted to Maine DEP its plans for the proposed Kelley Road Business Park near Exit 191. The project would be located on 30 acres behind the offices of the Katahdin Council of the Boy Scouts. The design, which preserves surrounding woodland and wetlands and incorporates pathways connecting to Sklar Park, would accommodate up to eight buildings with up to 150,000 sq. ft. of space. Construction of the park will depend on market interest and availability of funds for roads and utilities.

Meanwhile, the Orono Economic Development Corporation has begun to plan for final build-out of the Maine Technology Park, where a few good development opportunities remain.



Originally planned as one 24-units multifamily structure, the developer will now be building 14 single family attached units (7 duplexes attached at the garages). For more information, contact Pauline Rock of ERA Dawson-Bradford.



received a \$150,000 grant from the Department of Economic and Community Development to assist with the upgrades.

Downtown Redevelopment

The Town and the University Credit Union have been working jointly with WBRC Architects on the design of a new headquarters office building for UCU at the intersection of Main St. and Bennoch Rd. and an expanded public parking facility off Bennoch Road. The preliminary design phase is scheduled to be completed in September-October. If all goes well, construction would begin in spring 2013.

In addition, the Town is working with several downtown property owners on the upgrade of facades. The Town

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GENERAL & REFERENDUM ELECTION Tuesday, November 6, 2012

Voting for the November 6, 2012 General & Referendum Election will be held between the hours of 7:00 am - 8:00 pm in the following locations:

Ward 1, Precinct 1 voters will vote at the Birch Street School Senior Center located at 10 Birch Street.

Ward 1, Precinct 2 voters will vote in the All Purpose Room at the Memorial Union on the University of Maine Campus.

Ward 1, Precinct 3, and Ward 2 voters will vote in the Municipal Building Council Chambers, 59 Main Street.

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 November 6, 2012 General & Referendum Election: October 30, 31,

November 1, 2, and 5 from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. On voting day, registration of voters will take place at all precincts.

Absentee ballots may be requested from the Orono Town Clerk’s office in person, in writing, or by phone. Maine Law does not require a voter to give a reason for requesting an absentee ballot; however, three days prior to the election, a reason is required on the Application for Absentee Ballot form. Email requests must be done through the Secretary of State’s website at <http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>.

If you would like to work on Election Day by being an election clerk or registering voters, please call the Town Office at 866-2556.

**Don’t Forget to Vote
Tuesday, November 6th!**

LEAF & BRUSH PICKUP (continued from cover page)

No small chunks of fire wood or construction material will be picked up.

All leaves will be taken to the University of Maine and utilized for compost. Residents can put out brush only during the pick up. Public Works can no longer accept brush at the garage.

Please remember to put only leaves in bags. If bags contain other items they will not be picked up and will be left curbside.

Advertise in the Orono Observer

Please contact Nancy Ward at 866-2556 to reserve space for your ad in the Winter (Dec/Jan/Feb) 2012-13 *Orono Observer*. Ads are \$90.00 per quarter page and must be submitted as camera ready, with pdf files preferred. Other sizes are available.

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- ◆ And, do you declare that home 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 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**
Tues.-Fri. 6:00 AM to 4:30 PM
(As of Oct 9) Mon-Fri 7AM-3:30 PM

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

Library: **866-5060**
Sun. & Mon. - Closed
Tues. & Thurs. - 10 AM - 7 PM
Wed. & Fri. - 10 AM - 5 PM
Sat. - 9 AM - 1 PM
Sept. 27th & Nov. 24th - closed

Disposal Area (Landfill):
Wed. & Sat. - 8 AM - 4 PM
(Obtain permits from Town Office)

Curbside Recycling Dates:

September	6, 7, 20, 21
October	4, 5, 18, 19
November	1, 2, 15, 16, 29, 30

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