



# Orono Observer

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## Regular Meetings

- December 2012:**
- 10 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
  - 19 Planning Board, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
- January 2013:**
- 14 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
  - 16 Planning Board, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
- February 2013:**
- 11 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
  - 20 Planning Board, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber

## AND THE BIG ISSUES ARE...

On November 7th, 60 residents let the Comprehensive Plan Committee know what they think are the high priority issues that should be addressed in the updated Comprehensive Plan.

The results of this “issues spotting” session will help the Committee focus its attention over the coming months.

The 10 most frequently mentioned categories of issues were:

- Downtown appearance and vitality – including the need for a grocery store, arts, façade improvements, and connecting trails to downtown
- Pedestrian and bicycle concerns – including improved safety and lighting, street and bridge crossings
- Economic development – includ-

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## MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE

Nomination papers will be available after December 17th at the town office for the March 12, 2013 Municipal Election. The deadline for filing papers is on or before 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 25, 2013. At least 25, but no more than 100 signatures of Orono voters are required to have a name placed on the ballot.

There are two 3-year terms available on Town Council and one 3-year term available on the Orono RSU#26 Board.

Councilors whose terms will expire are Mark Haggerty and Thomas Spitz. The Orono RSU#26 member whose term will expire is Eric Voelker.

## 2ND-HALF PROPERTY TAXES DUE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

The second half of property taxes will be due on Friday, February 8, 2013 for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

Please mark your calendars. The interest rate on unpaid taxes is 7%. Interest begins on February 9, 2013.

## TOWN OFFICE NEWS

• All Town Offices will be **CLOSED** from 11:15 am -1:00 pm on Thursday, December 20, 2012 to allow employees to attend the Annual Town Service Awards luncheon.

The Town Offices will be **CLOSED** December 24th and 25th, January 1st and January 21st for the holidays.

## DOG LICENSES Renew by January 31st



Maine Law requires that all dogs six months of age or older be licensed in the municipality where their owners reside. Dog licenses for the year 2013 are now available at the town office. All dogs must be licensed before January 31, 2013 to avoid a \$15 penalty. The fee for a spayed or neutered dog is \$6.00 and \$11.00 for an unaltered dog.



## HOLIDAY TREE PICKUP

Public Works will begin picking up holiday trees curbside on Wednesday, January 2nd and continue collecting them through Friday, January 25th, 2013.

Please leave your trees out during this time period and the Public Works crew will circulate around town picking them up during their regular working hours.

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## HELP WITH DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN

The Orono Health Association is the sponsor of a Dental Program for students K through 12 in RSU#26.

Free cleaning is available through Dr. Farren for those that meet the financial criteria. Financial assistance for dental care (cleaning, fillings and extractions) is available for those who qualify.

For an application, please contact the Orono Health Association at 866-4648 or pick up a form at the Birch Street School on Wednesdays from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm, or Saturdays from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Also, you may get a form from Karen Martin, the Orono School Nurse.

## BLACK BEAR SKATE PARK ASSOCIATION

A regional group has formed to develop plans for a regional skate park located near the UMaine Recreation Center.

The group is looking for committee members to assist with the design phase,

## 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 system 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>.

fundraising events and marketing. The group has gained support from the University of Maine, the Town of Orono and the City of Old Town.

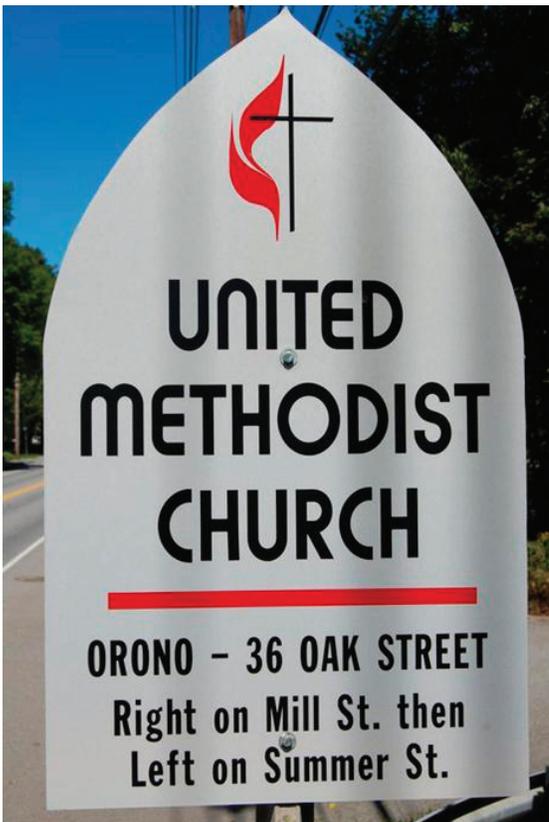
For more information, go to Blackbear Skatepark Association on Facebook.

## READ ALL ABOUT IT! ORONO OBSERVER ON-LINE!

Many of our loyal *Orono Observer* readers may not be aware that you can read the *Observer* online on the Town's website at [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org).

At this site you can read about breaking news, check out regularly scheduled events, such as trash removal or recycling, learn about what Town Departments are up to, and view updated maps of the Town, among other things.

The *Orono Observer* can now be read entirely on-line. If you have misplaced your copy of the *Observer*, or would like a convenient way to read or re-read an article, just log on to [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org) and click "News & Events". And, don't forget to check out all of the other news and information about Orono while you are there!



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Facebook: Orono United Methodist Church

Office Phone: 866-4605

**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:**

Mantis Yoga: 3-6 year olds, 3:30-4pm  
7-11 year olds, 4:15-5 pm  
Yoga Happy Hour, 5:30 pm

**Tuesdays:**

Toddler Time, 9:00-11:00 am,  
Up to 5 years old. Drop in, no fee.  
Mary Drew School of Dance:  
K-1st grade, 3:30-4:30 pm  
Grades 2-3, 4:30-5:30 pm  
Aerobics, 6:00-7:00 pm  
Pre-school ballet 3:30-4 pm  
Orono Community Theater rehearsals

**Wednesdays:**

Zumba with Tracy Crawford, 5:30-6:30 pm

**Thursdays:**

Mary Drew School of Dance:  
Ballet, 4-6 graders 3:30-4:30 pm;  
Advanced Ballet, 4:30-5:30 pm  
Aerobics, 6:00-7:00 pm

**Fridays:**

2nd Fridays - OSCAR Arts Cafe  
Available for rental – book your next birthday party, anniversary or dance.

**Saturdays (Each Month):**

2nd Saturday - Contra Dance 7-10pm  
3rd Saturday - Dadgad Coffeehouse, 7-11pm

**TUESDAY**

**TODDLER TIME**

Tuesdays from 9:00-11:00 am at the Keith Anderson Community House for children up to age 5. Parents or guardian must be present with child(ren). There is no fee. It's a great time for your child to play and socialize, plus you have a chance to meet other parents.

**OTHER CLASSES**

Watercolor for kids and Ballet with Mary Drew School of Dance. To find out about these classes and more go to [www.oronorec.com](http://www.oronorec.com).

**Holiday Events:**



**Tuesday, December 10th - Preschoolers' Tea With Santa - 10:00 am at the Keith Anderson Community House** This is a chance for preschoolers up to age 5 to visit with Santa, receive a small gift, snack on some of Santa's famous cookies and sip some fruit punch. RSVP at 866-5065 or online at [www.oronorec.com](http://www.oronorec.com). Space is limited, pre-registration is required.

**Monday, December 17th - "Gingerbread House Construction Day" 3:30-4:30 pm** in the Keith Anderson Community House. This memorable event is designed for children in grades K-5 and allows each child an opportunity to construct their very own Gingerbread House filled with candy canes, graham crackers and plenty of Holiday spirit! RSVP to the Parks and Recreation Office at 866-5065 or the Public Library at 866-5060. Pre-registration is required for the "Construction Planning Board's" preparation.



**ORONO YOUTH NORDIC CLUB**

Starting Friday, January 4th through February 15th. This Club meets on Fridays from 3:30-5:00 pm until dark, behind Orono High School at the ice rink. Learn how to classic ski or skate ski - get out and enjoy the Maine winter! Ages 5 and up. The cost is \$10/skier or \$30 per family (up to 5). Register at [www.oronorec.com](http://www.oronorec.com).

**PARKS & RECREATION WINTER PROGRAMS**

For your convenience, **After-Hour Registrations and Payments** can be accepted by using the drop box in front of the Recreation Office, or online through the new website at [www.oronorec.com](http://www.oronorec.com). Registrations can be accepted in person anytime between 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, Monday - Friday at the Parks and Recreation Office, Tredwell Building, 8 Bennoch Road. For more information, call 866-5065.

**LEARN TO SKI/ SNOWBOARD**

**Meets Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:00-6:30 pm, January 28 and 30 and February 4 and 6.** For children in grades 2-7 with little to no skiing skills. Includes ski/snowboard equipment and bus transportation to and from Hermon Mountain. Rental Equipment Form available at the Parks & Recreation Office. Learn to ski fee: \$90 - Learn to Snowboard fee: \$105.



**ICE MAKING AND TRAIL GROOMING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Orono Parks and Recreation Department is in need of volunteers interested in making ice and grooming throughout the winter season at the Town's Outdoor Skating Rink.

Contact the Rec Office at 866-5065 or email [oronorec@oronorec.org](mailto:oronorec@oronorec.org).

**MEN'S OPEN GYM BASKETBALL**

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm at the Veazie Community School. No fee.

## 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.lib.me.us](http://www.orono.lib.me.us). Or, better yet, come to the library for a full view of our services!*

### ADULT PROGRAMS



Adult Reading Groups at the Orono Public Library:

The **Thursday Thoughtful Readers**, who meet on the third Thursday of the month at 3 pm will meet on the following dates with the following titles in the Maine Humanities Council's series featuring Native American authors.

Dec. 20: Sharpest Sight by Louis Owens

Jan. 17: The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven by Sherman Alexie

Feb. 21: The Song of Rita Joe by Rita Joe

The **Tuesday Readers** enjoy titles selected by members and meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 10 am.

Both groups, sponsored by the Library Friends, are led by member Judy Hakola and meet in the Community Room of the Library, 39 Pine Street. The groups are open to all and participants from

surrounding communities are most welcome. Please call the library at 866-5060 for questions or information about borrowing the books.

A **NEW Reading group** will start in January on Tuesday nights @6pm. The first meeting will be held on January 22. Those interested are welcome to come with a favorite title to share and to discuss a group selection for February. Please register for the group by calling the library: 866-5060.

### 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](mailto:ljolliffe@orono.lib.me.us).



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!

**Teen Movie Night at the Library!** For 6th grade and up. December 13th, January 10th, February 14th; 5-7pm. Pizza and popcorn will be served.

Thursday ~ December 20th, January 17th, February 21st ~ **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.

**Mantis Yoga with Holly Twining** ~ December 13th, January 10th, February 14th, 3:30-4:30, for children K-5. Let your energy flow and bring peace to your soul with some imaginative yoga moves!

Tuesday ~ December 18th, January 29th, February 26th ~ **MSBA Club**. For Grades 4 and up – read and discuss

books from the Maine Student Book Award list. Come for book discussions, games and pizza. Please call to reserve your slice of pizza: 866-5060. 4:00-5:30 for 4th & 5th grade; 5:00-6:30 for middle schoolers.



**Guys Read Too!** A book group for boys, grades 4-7, and dads or mentors. Pre-registration required: 866-5060. Wednesdays: January 9th, March 6th, April 24th. Meetings take place at the library or 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. Wednesdays: January 9th, February 6th, April 3rd. Meetings take place at the library or the Senior Center, 6:00-7:30pm.



**Special Saturdays with RSU#26 Adult and Community Education.** December 1st, 10:30am, **Messy Art with Louise** at the library. January and February Saturdays to be announced.

**Gingerbread Houses.** Monday, December 17th, 3:30-4:30. Keith Anderson

Community House. Orono Parks & Recreation and the Library unite again to bring you an afternoon of creating your own gingerbread houses. Pre-register online at [www.oronorec.com](http://www.oronorec.com). This event is designed for children in grades K-5. We supply the candy and the clean-up!



**Holiday Pajama Story Time.** Thursday, December 20th, 6pm. Stories read by Mark and music performed by Miss Julie in honor of the holiday season. Wear your pajamas, enjoy some hot chocolate and candy canes! Treats supplied by the Friends of the Library. Families welcome!



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

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

**RSU#26 ADULT &  
COMMUNITY EDUCATION  
DISTANCE LEARNING CLASSES  
WINTER 2012-2013**

- Accounting Fundamentals
- Assisting Aging Parents
- Start Your Own Arts & Crafts Business
- Start Your Own Small Business
- Secrets of the Caterer
- Grammar Refresher
- Creating a Classroom Website
- Computer Skills for the Workplace
- The Creative Classroom
- Introduction to Digital Scrapbooking
- Navigating Divorce
- Test Prep: LAST, SAT, ACT, GRE
- Genealogy Basic
- Grant Writing A to Z
- Homeschool with Success
- Using the Internet in the Classroom
- Conversational Japanese
- Write Your Life Story
- Math Refresher
- Marketing Your Non-Profit
- Start a Pet Sitting Business
- Photoshop Elements 10
- Praxis I Preparation
- Using SMART Boards in the Classroom
- Speed Reading
- Quickbooks 2012

For a complete listing of available online classes, call our office at 866-4119 or visit our website at: [www.ed2go.com/rsu26](http://www.ed2go.com/rsu26).



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**ANNUAL FAMILY  
VALENTINE DANCE**



The Annual Family Valentine dance will be held on Thursday, February 14th at the Keith Anderson Community House from 6:00-8:00 pm. The dance is for children in grades 1-5 and an adult date. Bring a special aunt, uncle, grandfather, grandmother or even mom or dad. Enjoy the sounds of a DJ, food and fun. Tickets: \$15 per couple.

**ICE SKATING, SLEDDING  
AND  
CROSS COUNTRY SKIING**



The public Skating Rink, behind Orono High School, is open (conditions permitting) for skating and the Asa Adams Hill is available for a perfect family afternoon of outdoor sledding. Volunteers are needed to help make ice: late evenings, cold temperatures - what better working conditions! Call 866-5065.

If you own cross-country skis, use the new trails behind the football field while the others skate or sled. (Adults, if you would like to open up the warming hut, contact the Recreation Office to sign out a key for the weekend).

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**Textbooks**

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 Friday 8-4:30  
 Saturday 12-4



**\*\*When school is in session  
 and subject to change for special events**



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## COP'S CORNER

### VEHICLE SAFETY

The Orono Police Department would like residents to be extra vigilant in the security of valuables left in their vehicles.

We have experienced three recent car break-ins, in which purses and wallets were stolen from locked cars. Even though the vehicles were locked, the suspects were able to see the wallets and purses sitting in the cars, so windows were broken and the valuables stolen. We are recommending not leaving any valuables in vehicles, or at a minimum an attempt should be made to place anything of value out of sight within the car.

Also, please report any suspicious behavior immediately to the Orono Police Department, with a clothing description and direction of travel if the suspects leave the area.

### PROJECT GOOD MORNING

The Orono Police Department continues to sponsor the “**Project Good Morning**” Program. This program is designed to assist senior citizens or adults with disabilities living alone in the community. The goal is to assist these people so that they can continue living an independent lifestyle. “**Project Good Morning**” will aid in eliminating many concerns families may have about loved ones that live alone. The program provides the security of knowing that the family member will have a source of daily contact.

This program is free of charge. Orono residents may be eligible for this program if they are a senior citizen or an adult with disabilities living alone. A short application must be completed and a waiver signed. This will provide us with some basic information about the participant. Upon completion of this application the participant will be called by the Orono Police Department daily between 8 AM

and 10 AM to say, “Good Morning”. If contact cannot be made by telephone, a police officer will be sent to check the welfare of the participant.

Who is eligible? Orono Senior Citizens who are 60 and older who are living alone or disabled adults living alone.

Please call the Orono Police Department at 866-4000 or 866-4451 for further information.

### COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

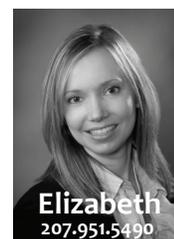
The Council meets in committee format on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. through December (except during the week of a Council meeting). January through September the committee meetings will be held at 4:30 p.m. All the meetings are held in the Council Chamber and are open to the public.

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT - WINTER SAFETY**



As another Fire Prevention Week (1st week in

October) has come and gone, we need to continue working on keeping our families and community safe from fire danger.

Although cooking is the leading cause of home fires, the second one is upon us as winter approaches and that would be home heating. This is also the second leading cause of fire deaths in the US (following smoking).

Half of all heating-related fire deaths happen in December, January, and February. Most space heater fires are caused by the space heater being too close to things that can burn. One out of every four home heating fires is caused by failure to clean; most of these fires involve dirty chimneys.

**Safety tips**

- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet from anything that can burn.
- Turn portable space heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Have heating equipment professionally inspected and serviced every year.
- Have your chimneys cleaned and inspected before each heating season.



Sixty-three percent of all reported home fire deaths happened in homes with “no” smoke alarms or “no” working smoke alarms.

Make sure you test your smoke alarms monthly and change the batteries when you change your clocks.

Have a Happy and Fire Safe Holiday Season.

Remember to keep the areas around all exit doors clear of snow and ice. A fire could block your way to the door you normally use. If the other exit door has snow and ice built up in front of it, you may not be able to escape through it.

Removing snow from your roof may prevent structural damage caused by the extra weight and will also help prevent ice dams.

Remember to check any chimney used for solid fuel burning or appliances for the buildup of creosote and soot at least once a month during the heating season. The build up of soot and/or creosote will interfere with the efficient operation of your appliances at best, or lead to a chimney fire at worst.

If you have any questions about your chimney or solid fuel heat appliance, call Henry Vaughan at the Orono Fire Station, 866-4000.

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**Recycling Dates for 2013**

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:

2013:	Jan	10,11	24, 25
	Feb	7, 8	21, 22
	Mar	7, 8	21, 22
	Apr	4, 5	18, 19
	May	2, 3	16, 17 30, 31
	June	13, 14	27, 28
	July	11, 12	25, 26
	Aug	8, 9	22, 23
	Sept	5, 6	19, 20
	Oct	3, 4	17, 18 31
	Nov	1, 7, 8	21, 22
	Dec	5, 6	19, 20

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.

## 19TH ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS THANKSGIVING DINNER

The town extends its appreciation to all the employees, civic organizations, and local businesses involved in the 19th Annual Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner held on November 15, 2012 at the Birch Street Senior Citizen Center.

Over two hundred senior citizens received Thanksgiving meals prepared and served by town employees from every department, including the Town Council. Approximately 85 meals were served at the Birch Street School while the Orono Police Department delivered 125 meals.

We would like to recognize the efforts of Fire Chief Rob St. Louis and Parks and Recreation Director Norm Poirier who coordinated the event this year and extend our sincere thanks to those who make it possible with their donations and support: American Legion Post 84;

Bear Brew Pub; Bell's IGA; Kiwanis; Pat's Pizza; University of Maine Catering Services; Verve; and Woodman's Bar & Grill.

The Town is genuinely grateful and proud of all the hard work that has allowed this dinner to be held for 19 consecutive years. We hope that each and every one of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and extend our continued good wishes for a safe and peaceful holiday season!

*(Photo courtesy of Greg Fish)*



## GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

**GARBAGE PICKUP** is always moved **one day later** on major holidays. The upcoming holidays that will be affected are Christmas and New Year's.

**RECYCLING** is picked up by Public Works every other week on Thursday or Friday and generally does not shift to a different day due to the holidays.

During the winter season, the recycling pickup schedule may be altered due to snowstorms. If there is a major snow storm, Public Works will first remove snow, then pick up recycling.

If your recycling does not get picked up, please save it for the next regular pickup date.

*(Recycling dates listed on pages on pages 7 and 12.)*

### The Church of Universal Fellowship

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#### ~ SUNDAY WORSHIP ~

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

#### ~ CHRISTMAS CONCERTS ~

**Mount View Chamber Singers:** Thursday, December 13, 7:00 pm

**Bodwell Hand Bell Concert:** Tuesday, December 18, 7:00 pm

#### ~ CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP ~

**4:00 pm** A Children's Christmas Eve

*Do you want to be a wise man? An angel? A shepherd? Come and help us retell the ancient story. This is a creative and participatory presentation of the nativity.*

*Come and join the fun! Refreshments!*

**7:00 pm** Traditional Candlelight Lessons and Carols

*Welcome home! See you in church!*

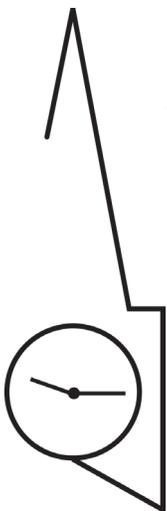
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Our church welcomes persons of every age, background, circumstance, ethnicity, family configuration, gender identity, and sexual orientation. We believe that diversity enriches our faith community and that each of us has the right and responsibility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

*An Open & Affirming Congregation*



## THE BIG ISSUES ARE ...

(Continued from front cover)

- ing a clear vision, more jobs, better promotion of the Town, redevelopment of the Katahdin building site
- Neighborhood preservation – especially property upkeep
- Transportation – including traffic and expanded transit
- Housing affordability
- Demographic trends – including aging in place, reconciling retirement v student community
- Recreation – including trail connection and connecting trails to community
- Taxes
- Schools – including improving schools as a draw for families

The summary of the issues-spotting session is on the web at [http://planning.orono.org/comprehensive\\_plan\\_update](http://planning.orono.org/comprehensive_plan_update).

## MAINE RESIDENTS PROPERTY TAX & RENT REFUND PROGRAMS

The Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund “Circuit Breaker” Program is accepting applications for refunds of property tax assessed in 2011 or rent paid during 2011.

If you applied for the program last year, you should have received an application form from the State of Maine. If you are filing for the first time or did not receive an application form, they are available online at [www.maine.gov/revenue](http://www.maine.gov/revenue) or by calling 1-207-624-7894 (leave your name and mailing address), or by writing to: Maine Revenue Services, 24 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0024.

Applications must be filed to the Maine Revenue Service by May 31, 2013.

## THE FRIENDS OF THE ORONO PUBLIC LIBRARY

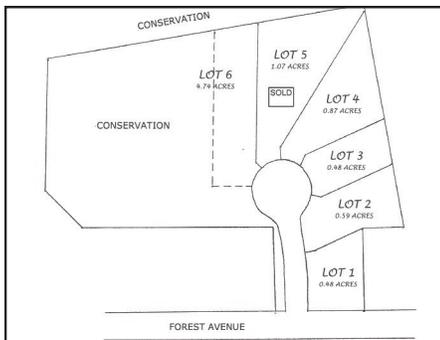
The Friends of the OPL is a group of residents of Orono and surrounding communities who help the Orono Public Library carry out its community mission by providing financial and other kinds of support.

The board is working on improving the Friends’ web presence. The official email address for the Friends of the OPL is: [oronofriends@gmail.com](mailto:oronofriends@gmail.com). Write to them with any comments, suggestions, etc. You can also find them on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/Friends/OPL> for updated news.

If you would like to become a “Friend of the Library” or have not yet paid your dues this year, The Friends have recently started taking payments online through PayPal. It’s quick, easy, and relatively painless. Check out the webpage at: <http://library.orono.org/friends>. You do not need a PayPal account to pay, simply a credit or debit card. You may also make your payment by check at the library or by mail. Thank you for supporting the OPL.

### Live the Simpler Life in Orono!

#### Shadbrush Lane off Forest Avenue



Lots range from  
0.5 acre to 4.74 acres  
\$32,000 to \$70,000

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## MEMORY LOSS ISSUES

Dirigo Pines Inn will be hosting informational meetings about health needs and coping strategies for older adults which are open to the general public at the Dirigo Pines Inn.

The first of the series "Memory Loss Issues" will be presented on Wednesday, December 12 at 7:15 pm by Amy Cotton, nurse practitioner with Rosscare in Bangor. Ms. Cotton is nationally board certified and a fellow of the National Gerontological Nursing Association. Ms. Cotton will address some of the challenges faced by patients and their family caring and handling memory loss.

Future Presentation - Mark your calendar for Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 7:15 pm for a presentation by Bill Kirkpatrick of the Alzheimer's Association of Maine. Kirkpatrick will talk about services and programming for Alzheimer's patients.

For more information, please contact Dirigo Pines at 866-3400.

Dirigo Pines Inn Hosts:

**Amy Cotton MSN,  
FNP-BC, FNGNA**

### Memory Loss Issues



Amy Cotton is a nurse practitioner at Rosscare specializing in the health care needs of older adults. Cotton is nationally board certified in gerontology and a Fellow of the National Gerontological Nursing Association.

This event is open to the public, free of charge! Join us at 9 Alumni Drive, Dirigo Pines Inn in the Gathering Place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Wednesday December 12<sup>th</sup>  
7:15 pm -(KGP)**

## 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.)

## HELP WANTED

### BOARDS/COMMITTEES

The Town of Orono seeks residents interested in serving on the Planning Board, Board of Appeals, and Board of Assessment Review.

An application form is available at the Town Office or on the website at [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org) under "Council & Committees/Town Committees, Application Form". Please consider volunteering to serve on one of these boards. Your input makes a difference!

For more information on what is involved in serving on a board or committee, stop by the Town Office or call us at 866-2556.

## ADVERTISE IN THE ORONO OBSERVER

Please contact Nancy Ward at 866-2556 to reserve space for your ad in the Mar/Apr/May 2013 *Orono Observer Spring Issue*.

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

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## NEW WINTER HOURS AT LANDFILL

The Landfill is now open! During the months of December 2012 through March 2013, the Town of Orono Landfill will have limited hours of operation. The Landfill will be open to permit holders on **Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM** on the following dates:

- December 1, 15, 29**
- January 12, 26**
- February 9, 23**
- March 9, 23**

The landfill will also be available to permit holders on Wednesdays **by appointment only** at no additional charge. Appointments can be made by contacting Rob Yerxa or Ken Beylerian Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM at 866-5062. Appointments will be taken at the discretion of the Public Works Department contingent on staffing levels and weather considerations.

Beginning March 27, 2013, the landfill will return to the standard hours of operation — every Wednesday and Saturday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. As always, the landfill is available to be opened on unscheduled days, by appointment only, for an additional charge.

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

## WINTER PARKING BAN

The Town of Orono has a “parking ban” from November 1st to April 15th. 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

## ORONO HEALTH ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS WANTED

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



in residential areas are required to be parked off the 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. Help the snow plow crews by keeping vehicles parked off-street overnight and during storms.

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is for everyone if...  
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- ◆ 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 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  
7:00 AM to 3:30 PM  
Monday-Friday

**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

**Disposal Area (Landfill):**  
**New Winter Dates** - Page 11  
(Obtain permits from Town Office)

**Curbside Recycling Dates:**  
December 13, 14, 27, 28  
January 10, 11, 24, 25  
February 7, 8, 21, 22

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