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## Regular Meetings Council Chambers

### March 2013:

- 11 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 pm.
- 18 Council Organizational Meeting, 7:30 pm.
- 20 Planning Board, 7:00 pm.

### April 2013:

- 8 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 pm.
- 17 Planning Board, 7:00 pm.
- 24 Comp Plan Public Session, 6:00-8:30 pm.

### May 2013:

- 13 Town Council Meeting, 7:00 pm.
- 15 Planning Board, 7:00 pm.

## TOWN BUDGET

The Town is in the process of developing the budget for FY2013-2014. Over the course of the next few months, the public will have several opportunities to review the budget and provide public input. In addition to being available on the Town's website at [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org), residents will have the opportunity to review the budget at the Town Office.

The following is a list of meetings on the proposed FY13-14 budget, all to be held in the Council Chambers.

Council Budget Workshops, 4:30 pm: May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

Public Hearing on the Budget: June 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. and Budget Adoption: June 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

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



## MUNICIPAL ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH

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

There are three candidates running for two 3-year terms on the Town Council. The candidates are Mark Haggerty, Daniel LaPointe and Thomas Spitz.

Voters will be electing one member to the RSU#26 Board for a 3-year term. The RSU#26 Board candidates are Margaret Lukens and Jennifer Mehnert.

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

The Registrar of Voters will be in Open Session on the following dates and times in the Orono Town Office, for the purpose of registering and enrolling new voters and to correct the voting list for the March 12, 2013 Municipal Election: March 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## ORONO RESIDENTS: SHARE YOUR PERSPECTIVE

The Town of Orono and the University of Maine are currently engaged in a year long collaboration to assess perspectives on the quality of Orono as a college town. Students in Dr. Rob Glover's "Engaged Policy Studies" course are interested in learning more about what Orono residents like about the community, as well as the ways in which they feel that Orono could become a better college town.

If you are an Orono resident and would like to participate, please go to [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org) where you can access a link to the survey from the front page of the website. It should take about 10 minutes of your time and you must be 18 years of age to participate.

Your input will be essential for the town and the University of Maine, as we think about steps that can be taken in the future to become a more prominent college town.



## FREE LANDFILL DROP OFF DAYS & LEAVES AND BRUSH PICK UP

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## 2ND-HALF PROPERTY TAXES OVERDUE

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

The interest rate on unpaid taxes is 7%.

If the real estate taxes remain unpaid at the end of April 2013, 30-day notices of liens will be mailed by certified mail to the property owners. If these remain unpaid after the 30 days, liens will be placed on the property.

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

## TOWN OF ORONO MAILING ADDRESS CHANGE

The Town of Orono has changed its mailing address from its Post Office box to 59 Main Street. Anyone who pays either their sewer or tax bills through their bank should make sure that the mailing address for the Town of Orono is:

Town of Orono  
59 Main Street  
Orono, ME 04473-4001

Addressing your correspondence to the Town correctly will ensure that payments are received in a timely manner.

## TOWN OFFICE NEWS

All Town Offices will be **CLOSED** from **11:15 am-1:00 pm** on **Wednesday, March 20, 2013** for the Annual Cabin Fever Reliever.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS MARCH 10TH



Daylight Savings begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 10, 2013.

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

## ADVERTISE IN THE ORONO OBSERVER

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

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



## The Church of Universal Fellowship

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### ~ SUNDAY WORSHIP ~

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

### ~ HOLY WEEK SERVICES ~

**Maundy Thursday, March 28th**

**Foot Washing Service at 5:00 pm Supper and Communion at 6:00 pm**

*(for reservations: call 866-3655)*

**Good Friday, March 29th Tenebrae Service at 7:00 pm**

### ~ EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31st ~

**Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 am**

*(Penobscot Valley Country Club with Orono United Methodist Church)*

**Easter Morning Breakfast at 7:15 am**

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

**Easter Morning Worship at 10:15 am**

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*An Open & Affirming Congregation*

**ORONO PARKS & RECREATION NEWS**

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



**Community House  
Activities**

**19 Bennoch Road**

**Mondays:**

Happy Hour Yoga, 5:15-6:15 pm  
Zumba, 6:30-7:30 pm

**Tuesdays:**

Preschool Playgroup, 9-11 am, No fee.  
Mary Drew School of Dance :  
Ballet classes - K-1st grade, 3:30-4:30 pm; grades 2-3, 4:30-5:30 pm  
Step Aerobics, 6:00-7:00 pm  
OCT Rehearsals, 7:30 pm

**Wednesdays:**

Mary Drew School of Dance:  
Preschool, Ballet, 3:30 pm  
Zumba, 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  
Step Aerobics, 6:00-7:00 pm

**Fridays:**

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

**Saturdays (Each Month):**

2nd Saturday - Contra Dance 7-10pm  
3rd Saturday - Dadgad Coffeeshouse, 6:30-10:00 pm

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

Looking to book your next anniversary, birthday party or maybe attend the Orono Community Theater’s production of “Tales of Trickery” but concerned about access to the second floor? Well, a new vertical lift has been installed in the building which has been inspected and approved by the State Fire Marshal’s Office.

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

**ADULT CLASSES**

The Parks and Recreation Department is now offering Yoga, Zumba and Step Aerobics as well as a number of classes in conjunction with Orono Adult Education.

Happy Hour Yoga takes place on Monday evenings from 5:15-6:15 pm in the Keith Anderson Community House, followed by Zumba from 6:30-7:30 pm.

On Tuesdays, Step it up with Aerobics from 6:00-7:00 pm and another Zumba class with Tracy on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 pm. Check out the Orono Recreation website for more information and to sign up.

**EGGSTRAVAGANZA  
OF EASTER  
EGG HUNTS!**



The Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with the University Credit Union will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for children preschool age through 4th grade on Saturday, March 30th at 10:00 am at the Asa Adams School. Each child will have a chance to hunt for eggs, be entertained by clowns, get their face painted, receive an Easter Egg goodie bag and be eligible for prizes! Bring your camera and capture this special moment with special guests the Easter Bunny and Monty Moose (Credit Union children’s mascot).

**“TALES OF TRICKERY”  
APRIL 27 & 28**

Orono Community Theater cast and crew members performs “Tales of Trickery” on April 27 and 28 at the Keith Anderson Community House. Look for presale tickets at Orono Pharmacy and performance times on [www.oronorec.com](http://www.oronorec.com) or Facebook at Orono Community Theater.

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

Pre-season baseball is right around the corner so registrations are now being accepted for Double “A” T-ball and Triple “A” Minor League! The Double “A” Program is designed for ages 4-5 with players learning the basics of baseball skills while having fun with their friends. Meets Monday and Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 pm starting May 20-June 22.

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

**SUMMER PROGRAMS**

Check out the Parks and Recreation website at [www.oronorec.com](http://www.oronorec.com) after April 25th to register for summer activities.

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

**ORONO-VEAZIE LITTLE  
LEAGUE NOTICE**

Little League baseball is open to players 8-12 yrs old as of May 1, 2013. Little League softball is open to players 8-12 yrs old as of January 1, 2013. Cost is \$45. Regular Season: end of April to mid-June. All-Star Season: mid-June to July. For more information, contact Jonathan White by calling 745-7415 or email [jonathanmw@roadrunner.com](mailto:jonathanmw@roadrunner.com).

## ORONO PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

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

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Writing Circle

Is it time to record your special memories or interesting experiences? Do you have information and opinions to share in an op-ed piece? Would poetry or short fiction convey your insights and emotions? If so, welcome to the Writing Circle at the Orono Public Library. In this informal writing workshop, participants share drafts of their works in progress; conversations about development, revision and editing; and celebrations of effective word choices, polished phrases and unique perspectives. Returning and new participants are welcome to the Writing Circle.

Tuesdays: 10am-noon, May 7-June 11. Maximum participants: 15. Please call the library@866-5060 to register.

#### Book Groups

The **Tuesday Readers** enjoy titles selected by members and meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 10 am: March 19, April 16, May 21.



The **Thursday Thoughtful Readers** meet on the third Thursday of the month. Led by Library Friend, Judy Hakola, they will gather March 2, April 18 and May 16 at 3 pm.

**New Book Club** will meet the evening of the third Tuesday of every month: March 19, April 16 and May 21 @6:30pm.

Please contact the library for current titles being read by each group. All book discussion groups are sponsored by the Library Friends, and meet in the Community Room of the Library, 39 Pine Street. They 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.

#### Community Room

The Dana C. and Mary Anne Devoe Community Room at the library is available for use by non-profit groups. Groups of 25 fit comfortably in this room made possible through a donation by the Devoes, "In honor of all Orono Citizens: past, present and future," and can be reserved by contacting the library at 866-5060 or [laurie@orono.org](mailto:laurie@orono.org).

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Every Thursday ~ 10:30am ~ Story Time** for little ones up to 4 years old and their grown-ups. Join us for stories, songs and finger plays!



**Teen Movie Night** at the Library! For 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up. March 14<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>; 5-7pm. Pizza and popcorn will be served.

**Thursday ~ March 21<sup>st</sup>, April 18<sup>th</sup>, May 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 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 ~ March 14<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>;** 3:30-4:30; for children, K-5. Let your energy flow and bring peace to your soul with some imaginative yoga moves!

**Tuesday ~ March 12<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup> ~ MSBA Club for Grades 4 & 5 ~ 3:30-4:30.** Read and discuss books from the Maine Student Book Award list. Join us for book discussions and games. Please email us if you would like to be added to our contact list.

**Tuesday ~ March 26<sup>th</sup>, April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 28<sup>th</sup> ~ MSBA Club for Grades 6, 7 & 8 ~ 5:30-6:30.** Read and discuss books from the Maine Student Book Award list. Join us for book discussions and games. Call to reserve your slice of pizza! 866-5060. Please email us if you would like to be added to our contact list.



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



**Special Saturdays with RSU 26 Adult and Community Education.** March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1pm, *Mad Science of Maine ~ Up, Up and Away!* Asa Adams Cafeteria ~ all ages are welcome! March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30am, *Fun with Frushi!* Senior Center ~ please call the library to sign up. April 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am; *Art with Valerie Wallace;* Orono Public Library.

**Insect Adventures!** The Friends of Edith Patch sponsor another creepy, crawly bug event at the library! Free for all ages. Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 12pm.



**Maine Discovery Museum Pass.** This pass is purchased by the Friends of the Library. 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 **Maine State Museum** in Augusta!

For more information on any youth programs, call 866-5060 or email [louise@orono.lib.me.us](mailto:louise@orono.lib.me.us).

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:  
ON YOUR CALENDAR**

The Comprehensive Plan Committee invites all residents to two public sessions as it prepares recommendations for the Town Council:

- Wednesday evening, April 24th, 6:00 to 8:30 pm, when the Committee wants to discuss with you findings about high priority issues culled from its studies and its public meeting last fall; and
- Thursday evening, June 6th, 6:00 to 8:30 pm, when the Committee wants to get feedback on proposed policies and strategies to address the issues.

Policies will cover areas such as Orono’s changing population, zoning, transportation, and infrastructure.

**ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

**Katahdin site**

In January, the Town Council and University Credit Union jointly gave the go-ahead for final design of a new UCU headquarters and branch on the former Katahdin Building site in Downtown Orono. UCU plans a 16,000 square foot office building, and the Town will expand its Bennoch Road parking lot to support the building and increase public parking. The plan includes an urban plaza to complement the new building.

A presentation of the schematic plans can be seen at [http://planning.orono.org/katahdin\\_site\\_redevelopment](http://planning.orono.org/katahdin_site_redevelopment)

**Kelley Road Business Park**

A proposed 8-lot business park off Kelley Road has received state permits and will be reviewed by the Planning Board on March 20. Next steps will be to develop a funding plan to extend

road, sewer and water to the site and begin looking for grants to assist with the project. The plan can be viewed at <http://krbp.ces-maine.com>.

**Maine Technology Park**

The Orono Economic Development Corp. is preparing a conceptual plan for the build-out of the Maine Technology Park – home to the Target Technology Center, Black Bear Inn, NexxInx, Sensor Research and Development, and others. The goal is to identify additional opportunities for similar development while preserving an adjacent wetland system.

**SUMMER SOUNDS  
CONCERT SERIES**

The “Summer Sounds Concert Series” will be held on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m, from July 10th through August 7th in Webster Park. Details about the performances will be in the next *Orono Observer*, on Cable Channel 7 and listed on the Town’s website at [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org).

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## BAGGED LEAVES & BRUSH PICKED UP CURBSIDE

May 7 – May 24, 2013



The Town of Orono will begin picking up bagged leaves and brush on Tuesday, May 7 through Friday, May 24, 2013.

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

No chunks of firewood, blocks of wood or stumps will be picked up.

**Trash that is mixed with bagged leaves will not be picked up.**

## FREE LANDFILL DROP OFF

May 11 - May 18, 2013  
(Plus May 22 & 25)

### Except Sunday and Monday

The landfill, located on Taylor Road off Outer Forest Avenue, will be open **FREE OF CHARGE** to Orono residents to **DROP OFF Spring Cleanup Items** from Saturday, May 11 through Saturday, May 18, 2013 (**except Sunday and Monday**) from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Two extra days have been added:** Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> for your convenience. **Proof of residency or property ownership required.**

Acceptable items include:

- ◆ household and furniture items (**NO** TVs, monitors, batteries, fluorescent tubes or computers)



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

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

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

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



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Facebook: Orono United Methodist Church

Office Phone: 866-4605

**ORONO TREE BOARD - ARBOR DAY REPORT**



*Molly MacLean and Mr. Allen talking with the 5th Graders about Arbor Day.*

The Orono Tree Board met with Mr. Allen's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class in May 2012 to celebrate Arbor Day at the Nature Garden on the hill between the Asa Adams School and the High School. They mulched the younger trees on the hillside and planted sunflower seeds in cups which, once sprouted, were planted in the garden for the birds and squirrels to eat. A lively discussion on the importance of shade trees to people

and animals in our community took place and the Arbor Day Proclamation was read. The students seem to enjoy working on this project each year as much as we do.

In 2012, Orono achieved Tree City USA status for its 16th year. Each year we have been invited to take part in the annual event put on by the Department of Conservation's Maine Forest Service and Grow Smart Maine to celebrate all of the Maine towns and cities designated as Tree City USA. Six of us from Orono attended the event at the Longfellow School in Portland which involved its students and teachers, people from other Maine communities, William H. Beardsley, Maine Department of Conservation Commissioner, Doug Denico, Director of the Maine Forest Service, and Jan Ames Santerre, Project Canopy Coordinator, Maine Forest Service. The opportunity to meet other people at this

event gives us a picture of what they are doing to contribute to the growth of trees in their towns and cities. A poster of each community's activities is displayed at the event. Orono's may be viewed at the Town Office.

As spring arrives, we hope you will enjoy the trees budding and leafing out in our town.



*(l-r) Dianne Charland, Dave Thompson, Jason Charland, Cindy Blease, Robyn Pride at the Tree City event in Portland. Photos by Pat Thompson.*

**The Rock Team-No One Sells Orono Better! 2012**



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## HELP CLEAN UP OUR STREAMS SATURDAY, MAY 18TH

The Town of Orono will be hosting its annual Stream Clean-up Event Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 am. Orono is seeking multiple teams of volunteers to participate in a local stream clean-up project; all ages are welcome! The day will begin with a safety meeting in the Orono Town Council Chambers. The clean-up will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. At 11:30 a.m., there will be a BBQ at the Fire Station for all the volunteers.

Take advantage of this opportunity to meet different members of our community and, most importantly, improve water quality in our town! This is the perfect opportunity for your youth group, civic group, neighborhood, business, or local organization to give back and help protect a natural resource that

has defined our town. We are also looking for team leaders to represent their organization.

All participants under the age of 18 must provide signed guardian consent to participate in the clean-up (forms available in the Town Office) and be accompanied by an adult.

To sign up or for more information, please contact Belle Ryder at 866-2556, or via email at [belle@orono.org](mailto:belle@orono.org)

Thank you for helping keep Orono Beautiful!

## TRASH OUT BY 7:00 AM

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

## STANDARD LANDFILL HOURS, MARCH 27TH

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

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

## WINTER PARKING BAN

in effect until April 15, 2013.

## PARADE COMMITTEE

The Orono Memorial Day Parade Committee announced that there will **not** be a parade this year.

## ORONO ACTIVE COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT TEAM...

Wants YOU to get involved! There is a new group taking shape in Orono focused on supporting and promoting physical activity for ALL people who live, work, play and learn in the Orono area. This "ACE" (Active Community Environment) Team brings members of the community, municipality, university and other local entities to the table to:

- Promote walking and bicycling opportunities
- Provide accessible recreation facilities
- Address street design and housing density
- Foster trail connectivity
- Improve availability of public transit
- Encourage neighborhood school sites
- Provide safe routes to school

If you live in Orono and would like to be involved in this group, please join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, March 6th from 8:00-9:00am at the Orono Municipal Building, Council Chambers (located on the 2nd floor).

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Alexia Corbett by calling 992-4462 or by emailing [alexia.corbett@bangormaine.gov](mailto:alexia.corbett@bangormaine.gov).

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**FREE TREES**

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

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

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

**CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING**

The Town seeks applications from residents interested in serving on Town boards and committees. Applications are available at the Town Office or on the website at [www.orono.org/council/committees](http://www.orono.org/council/committees). Please consider volunteering. Your input makes a difference!

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

**ORONO HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEEKS ASSISTANCE**

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

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

If you can help with either request, please contact Mary Anne Eason at 941-9727 or [maeason@gmail.com](mailto:maeason@gmail.com).

**ORONO ASA ADAMS SCHOOL SCHEDULES PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION MARCH 12, 2013**



The Asa Adams School will hold Pre-K & Kindergarten registration on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 from 3:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Registration for the 2013-2014 school year for Pre-K and Kindergarten will be by appointment only. Appointments may be made by calling the Asa Adams School at 866-2151 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Children eligible for pre-kindergarten must be 4 years of age on or before October 15, 2013. Enrollment will be limited and students will be accepted on a first-come, first serve basis. There will be a morning and afternoon session lasting approximately 2-1/2 hours each.

Children eligible for kindergarten must be 5 years of age on or before October 15, 2013. Kindergarten is a full day program.

A legal birth certificate, immunization record and 2 forms of residency verification are necessary in completing the registration forms. It is not necessary for parents to bring their children to the registration. Screening and parent orientation will be held later.

**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.

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## NOTES FROM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY (WPCF)

### Wastewater Treatment

Wastewater treatment refers to the physical, chemical, and biological processes used to remove pollutants from wastewater before discharging it into a water body. Since the Clean Water Act was passed in 1972, there are now more than 16,000 publicly-owned wastewater treatment plants in operation in the United States. The continual construction of new plants as well as the upgrading of older plants creates a strong demand for highly skilled operators and designers.

### Plant Design

The practice of designing municipal wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) is both art and science. Design is a responsibility shared by owners, regulatory personnel, and consultants, and a successful WWTP design is based on overall plant optimization as well as cost efficiency. Creating the most economical

and attractive design for an integrated facility also requires designing to ensure facilities meet effluent regulatory requirements.

### Plant Operations

Planning, design, and construction are essential to wastewater treatment, but the process cannot be successful without enduring operations commitment. Wastewater treatment operators are the final and vital links in protecting public health and the water environment. Through observations and laboratory sampling, operators determine necessary maintenance and facility needs to keep their plants functioning effectively.

### Infrastructure

There is a vast infrastructure; 800,000 miles of water pipes and 600,000 miles of sewer line right beneath your feet. These systems have worked silently for

years, in some cases more than a century, to deliver and remove your water and wastewater.

Treatment plants are highly regulated and can face a number of complex issues. Storms can cause flooding in sewers, water can become polluted, pipes can break, an ever-growing population can stress water supplies and new contaminants requiring additional regulations and treatment can emerge. Water professionals are responsible for handling all of these challenges, often with limited financial and staff resources.

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**IS YOUR VEHICLE  
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The Town Office staff would like to remind residents to check that their vehicle registrations are current. This is a very busy time of year and vehicle registrations are often forgotten. If you have a yellow year sticker you are long overdue.

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

**CODE ENFORCEMENT  
OFFICE NEWS**

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

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

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

**OHA VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

The Orono Health Association needs volunteers to drive people to medical appointments. If you would be willing to assist, please call 866-4648. Thank you.

**Orono Thrift Shop**

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- Hula Hooping 101
- Ballet Tone
- CPR & First Aid Training
- Tae Kwon Do/Aikido
- Kayak Rescue Workshop
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For a more complete listing of courses or to find out about the nearly 500 online distance learning classes that we have available, contact us at 866-4119 or at: [www.riversidersu.org/adulted](http://www.riversidersu.org/adulted) or <http://orono-hampden.maineadulted.org/>. Most classes start in mid-March or early April.



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- ◆ 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  
Mon.-Fri. - 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

**Public Works:** 866-5062  
Mon.-Fri. 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM  
Starting April 23 through October 11:  
Tues.-Fri. 6:00 AM to 4:30 PM

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

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

**Disposal Area (Landfill):**  
**Starting March 27 - Weds/Sat.**  
(Obtain permits from Town Office)

**Curbside Recycling Dates:**  
March 7, 8, 21, 22  
April 4, 5, 18, 19  
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