



# Orono Observer

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## Regular Meetings

### June:

- 3 Public Hearing on Budget, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
- 6 Comp Plan Public Mtg, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
- 10 Regular Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
- 17 Special Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber, Adoption of Budget

### July:

- 8 Regular Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
- 17 Planning Board, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber

### August:

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

## FY2013-2014 TOWN BUDGET

Over the course of the last few months, the Town Manager, Department Heads and Town Council have been working hard to present a stable budget for fiscal year 2013-2014.

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

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

The public is encouraged to attend the following public meetings on the proposed FY13-14 budget, all to be held in the Council Chamber:

- **June 3, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Public Hearing on the budget**
- **June 17, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Budget Adoption**

Meeting dates/times will be listed on Cable Channel 7, and on our website at [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org). Contact Town Manager Sophie Wilson at 866-2556, if you have any questions or concerns.

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Comprehensive Plan Committee invites all residents to the next public session as it prepares recommendations for the Town Council.

The public meeting will be held **Thursday, June 6th, 6:00-8:30 pm, in the Council Chambers** for the Comprehensive Plan Committee to get feedback on proposed policies covering areas such as Orono's changing population, zoning, transportation, and infrastructure.

## RSU #26 BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM ELECTION

**TUES., JUNE 11, 2013**



All voting for the June 11, 2013 Election will be held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building, 59 Main Street. Voting hours for the election are 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The Registrar of Voters will be in Open Session on the following dates and times in the Orono Town Office for the purpose of registering and enrolling new voters and to correct the voting list for the RSU #26 Budget Validation Referendum Election: June 4, 5, 6, 7 & 10 from 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. On voting day, registration of voters will take place at the voting precinct from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

## BIKEMAINE & FESTIVAL DAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

On September 7<sup>th</sup>, 350 bike riders will gather in Orono to participate in the first-ever BikeMaine ride. They will pedal 60-75 miles daily across Maine's varied landscapes on a week-long, **fully supported ride**, camping along the way in five friendly and **unique communities** that highlight what makes Maine great, before returning to Orono on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

The BikeMaine riders will experience the playful side of Orono as they arrive on Orono Village Festival Day. This

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## Bikemaine & Festival Day

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year there will be an emphasis on active and fun events in town and on campus celebrating the Maine outdoors. In addition to the 5k Pie in the Sky Race, there will be new events this year, including tricycle races for adults (and kids), war canoe races and a recreational paddle down Stillwater River, a ropes course, softball tournament, and guided nature walk.

Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, the community is encouraged to celebrate bike safety and finish the ride with the BikeMaine riders. The Orono and Old Town Police Departments will co-host a bike rodeo at the Old Town Elementary School at 10:00 AM. Following the rodeo, community bikers may join BikeMaine bikers as they complete their 400-mile ride on the University of Maine bike trails to finish on Gannett Road. After the finish, stay for a barbecue luncheon and the first home game of the UMaine Black Bear football team!



## OPEN FIRE BURNING PERMITS

A reminder that a fire permit is required for any outdoor fires. This permit can be obtained at the fire station at a cost of \$10.

Permits are restricted during high fire danger in the spring and summer. If you have questions, call 866-4000, 8:30 am-4:30 pm weekdays.

## BOAT RE-REGISTRATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Residents can now re-register their boats on-line through the Orono website at [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org) or directly through [www5.informe.org/online/boat](http://www5.informe.org/online/boat). Make sure you have your old registration.

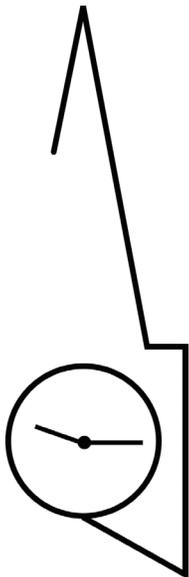
## TOWN OF ORONO BOARD & COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Town seeks applications from residents interested in serving on the Board of Appeals and the Board of Assessment Review. Committee Application Forms are available at the Town Office or on the website at <http://www.orono.org/council/committees>. Please consider volunteering. Your input makes a difference!

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

## TRASH DELAY DURING HOLIDAY WEEKS

Trash pickup will be delayed one day during the weeks of July 4th and Labor Day, September 2nd.



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## ORONO PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

*The Recreation Office is moving to the Town Municipal Building; call 866-5065 for information on any program.*



### FUNSHINE SUMMER DAY CAMP

This all day summer camp is open to children K-4th grade for Funshine.

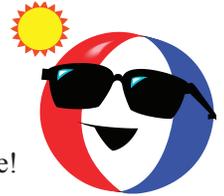
The program provides children with traditional camp experiences of swimming, arts & crafts, sports and games as well as library time. On Fridays, the Funshine Camp will experience field trips! The well-trained staff will provide excellent supervision and leadership!

The Camp will be held at the Asa Adams School, starting June 19th through August 16th.

**Funshine Day Camp: Grades K-4:** Monday-Friday, 7:30 am –5:30 pm, June 19th-August 16th, \$90/week.

### SUMMER FUN BROCHURE

Orono Parks and Recreation Summer brochures are at the Recreation Office, 59 Main Street. Check out all the fun activities being offered this summer including the Funshine Camp, Teen Camp, Sports Clinics, USA Track Program and so much more! Go to [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org).



### POOL OPENS JUNE 20TH

Pool Schedule through Saturday, August 24, 2013:

#### Weekdays

9:30-11:30 am  
11:30-12:30 pm  
1:00-4:00 pm  
4:30-5:30 pm  
5:30-7:30 pm

Swim Lessons  
Lap Swim (15 yrs+)  
General Swim  
Lap Swim  
Family Splash

Monday-Thursday  
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#### Weekends

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

Lap Swim  
General Swim  
Family Splash

Saturday/Sunday  
Saturday/Sunday  
Saturday/Sunday

**Daily Pool Fees:** Mature Swimmer \$2.00; Young Swimmer (under 17) \$1.00; Experienced Swimmer (over 55) \$1.00; Individual & Family Pool Season Passes are available: Individual - \$35; Family Pass for 4 - \$60; Family Pass for 6 - \$80.

### 2012 SUMMER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Golf Academy	June 18-21
Red Riot Track Club	June 17-July 24
Field Hockey Clinic	June 24-28
British Soccer Clinic	July 9-13
Advantage Tennis Camp	July 15-19
7-10 year olds, 10:30-noon	
11-14 year olds, 8:30-10am	
Orono Basketball School	
Boys, June 24-28/Girls, July 8-12	
Seacoast United Soccer	August 5-8



### TEEN CAMP

Teen Camp is for kids going into 4th through 7th grades. July 8-August 16, Monday-Friday, 9 am-4 pm, cost: \$130 a week, held at Orono High School.

This camp is designed for the young person that doesn't want to sit in front of the TV all day. At this camp you will do some hiking, biking, canoeing, geo caching and much more. Each day will have a different theme and no two days will be alike! Each day's activities will be scheduled on a 1-3 hour time slot. Some activities are designed to last most of the day. For example, for canoeing we will leave at 9 a.m. and return at approximately 4 pm. If you do not have a bike for Bike Day one will be provided. Be prepared, there could possibly be more than one day for biking.

Teen Camp will be taking some, but not all, of the same Friday trips as Camp Funshine.

### ORONO VILLAGE FESTIVAL DAY SATURDAY, SEPT. 7TH

Join in the food, fun, crafts, and entertainment for all ages in downtown Orono on Saturday, September 7, 2013. Again, this year there will be a Chili Cook-Off. Mark your calendar, and check Cable Channel 7 and the Town's website at [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org) for details about the day. Contact Belle Ryder at 866-2556 to reserve a booth or table for festival day or to enter your chili in the cook-off.

### RECREATION WEBSITE

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

## ORONO LIBRARY NEWS CORNER

Call us at 866-5060, visit us on the web at [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org), or come to the library for a full view of our services.

### NEW! IndieFlix

The Library now has a subscription to IndieFlix: Award-winning shorts, features, and documentaries. This online streaming service offers access to thousands of films from more than 50 countries. There are selections from a variety of Film festivals such as Sundance, Cannes, Tribeca and more! Unlimited access—multiple patrons can view any movie at one time with no holds! To take advantage of this new service, simply visit the IndieFlix website: <http://indieflix.com>. Register for an account by using your library bar code number. For more information contact us at 866-5060 or [laurie@orono.org](mailto:laurie@orono.org).

### Summer Book group

The Tuesday evening book group will continue to meet once a month through the summer in the Community Room at 6:30pm. The next three titles that the group will share are from the Maine Readers Choice Award list: <http://mainereaderschoiceaward.org/>

June 18: Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn,  
 July 16: Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walter,  
 and August 20: The Light Between Oceans by ML Stedman.

### Chinese Brushstrokes

In honor of the anniversary of the Tiananmen Square Massacre, Sandra Hutchison will present a slide show and reading from her book, *Chinese Brushstrokes*, in the library's Community Room on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

### Art at the Library

An informal art group will begin meeting at the library on Wednesdays from 5-7pm on June 5. Participants are welcome to share art and learn from others in this friendly and non-judgmental new group open to all levels of artists. Create art at the Library using your choice of medium. Bring your own art supplies and project you want to work.

### FOPL Book sales

The Friends of the Orono Library will continue their monthly book sales on June 29 and July 27 from 9am-noon. Donations are accepted at the library on the Fridays before each sale.

### Holiday Closing

The library will be closed for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday from Thursday July 4-Sunday, July 7. Regular hours of operation will resume during the week of July 8<sup>th</sup> (see Hours of Operation on page 12).

## GATEWAY CENTER

The Gateway Center group will present several programs at the library throughout the summer:

**Knitting Group:** June 11-July 16 - Tuesdays at 1:30-2:30pm. Knit anything you'd like or, if you prefer to have a project, knit hats and scarves for needy children and adults. Led by Vivian Capriotti and Jessica Smith. Bring knitting needles and yarn to the first meeting.

**The Ice Age: Two Miles of Ice Over Orono.** Thursday, June 20, 3:00-4:00 pm. Lecture/slide show by retired Geology Professor Hal Borns.

**Conversation about Palliative Care and Hospice Care.** Thursday, June 27, 4:00-5:00pm. Talk by Erin Kerns, LCSW, of the Hospice of Eastern Maine, Hospice Team Supervisor.

**Guided Autobiographical Journaling.** Do your children (grandchildren) ask about your life? Would you like for your family to have information about your life and their roots? Thursday, July 18 - Sept 5, 10:00-11:30am. Topics will be suggested; prompts will be given. Bring a notebook and pen or pencil. Sharing is optional. Call Ann at Gateway for more information, 866-8641.

**Lecture: Substitute Decision Making: Health Care Power of Attorney,**

**Financial Durable Power of Attorney, Guardianships, Conservatorships, and the like.** Lecture with questions and answers by Jane Skelton, Elder Attorney. Tuesday, July 23, 1:30 pm.

**Lecture: Everything you've ever wanted to know about attracting wildlife to your yard.** Tuesday, August 6 at 4 pm. Lecture with questions and answers, led by Wildlife Ecologist Bucky Owen.

## 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!

**Mantis Yoga with Holly Twining** ~ Thursday, June 6th; 3:30-4:30pm; for children, K-5. Let your energy flow and bring peace to your soul with some imaginative yoga moves! More Yoga classes will resume in September.

**Backyard Bash with Julie and the Bug Boys.** Julie and the Bug Boys will be performing behind the library to welcome summer vacation! Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. The socializing and eating begins at 5:30pm; with the music, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, beginning at 6pm. The Friends of the Library will be selling picnic fare and balloons to benefit the library's children's programs. All ages welcome. If rain, call the library that day for location of festivities.

### **Summer Activities: June 25-July 31**

**Sign up for a Reading Log!** Spend time reading this summer and attending our programs and you can earn a chance to win a prize! Sign-up begins (but does not end) at our Backyard Bash!

**Story and Activity Programs.** Tuesdays, 10:30am, for grades PreK-1; and Wednesdays, 10:30am, for grades 2-3. Stories, games, crafts.

**Book Club** for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Share your reading adventures, munch

**LIBRARY YOUTH PROGRAMS**

popcorn and test your Trivial Pursuit skills! Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30. Perfect for MSBA enthusiasts.

**Movie Night for Teens.** For 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up. Tuesdays, 5-7pm. Join us for pizza and a movie!

**Rob Duquette, Musician.** Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30am, backyard of the library. Rob performs re-arranged classics and many original fun songs which carry messages ranging from teeth brushing to being kind. He sings and performs on ukulele, guitar, xylophone and many percussion instruments from around the globe. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy after the show! All ages welcome. If rain, performance will be at Asa Adams Elementary.

**Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers return!** Tentative date is Tuesday, July 9th, 10:30am at the Herbert Sargent Community Center, 342 Bennoch Road. Everyone is welcome to this free community event!

**Mike Graf, author of the travel series "Adventures with the Parkers,"** will be visiting the library on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am. He has just published his 12<sup>th</sup> book in the series for kids, ages 8-13: *Acadia National Park ~ Eye of the Whale*. Each book in the series explores a popular national park and is packed with adventure and engaging educational facts about nature, outdoor safety, and much more. All ages are welcome to this free one-hour program.

**Meet the Butterfly Guy, Jerry Schneider.** Thursday, July 18th, 10:30am; Herbert Sargent Community Center, 342 Bennoch Road. Learn why the monarchs come north every year; then return to Mexico in September and October; and why it is believed that the butterflies are returning spirits of lost loved ones. Children also may create a butterfly T-shirt craft. Participants should bring their own clean, light-colored t-shirt or purchase one at the program for \$4.

**Pig out on Reading!** Meet Farmer Minor and Daisy II, the pig who loves stories! Listen to stories, maybe even give Daisy a kiss! Tuesday, August 6th, 1pm. Keith Anderson Community House. All ages welcome! Farmer Minor tells stories about Daisy's formative years (all true) with Farmer & Mrs. Minor. We will share Daisy noises, give Daisy a treat, and more.

**Maine Discovery Museum Pass.** 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 to reserve a pass. Also free passes to the **Maine State Museum** in Augusta!

Our special programs this summer are co-sponsored by The Friends, Orono Parks & Recreation, and Old Town Parks & Recreation. *Julie and the Bug Boys* concert is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. Thank you all!

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## TOWN MANAGER NEWS

### COLLEGE AVENUE & PARK STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements to the intersection of College Avenue and Park Street will commence in early June and are projected to be completed in July.

The project is being 50% funded by a Maine Department of Transportation Municipal Partnership Grant.

The scope of the project includes:

- Traffic signal controller and detection upgrades
- Improved pedestrian signals
- Pavement surface improvements
- Sidewalks
- Traffic island reconstruction

### KATAHDIN SITE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, the Orono Town Council approved a \$2M low-interest loan from USDA Rural Development (General Obligation Bonds) for the purpose of constructing a public parking facility on Bennoch Road. The project received Planning Board approval on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Demolition of the two buildings currently on the property is anticipated by the end of June.

In conjunction with parking facility, the University Credit Union plans to construct a 16,000 square foot office building. The joint venture includes a plaza where Dragon, the sculpture created during the 2012 Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium and currently located by the town office, will be permanently installed.

Construction is anticipated to commence this summer with project completion expected by the summer of 2014. Further information on the project can be seen at [http://planning.orono.org/katahdin\\_site\\_redevelopment](http://planning.orono.org/katahdin_site_redevelopment).

### FLOWER BARRELS OUT OF VIEW

Due to sidewalk re-construction this summer, the barrels of flowers usually seen on Mill Street will be missing from view. However, the barrels will still be put to good use!

The summer camp program will plant vegetables for demonstration (look for those by the town office) in some and the Children's International Summer Village will use the rest to produce vegetables for their Harvest for the Homeless Program (look for those at the Birch Street Senior Center).

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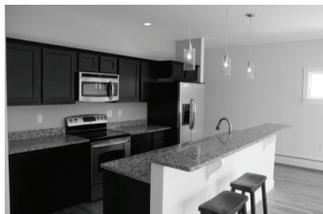
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## KIWANIS ACTION

### JULY 18, 19 & 20

The 67th Kiwanis Auction will take place starting at 5:00 pm, Thursday, July 18th through July 20th at the Kiwanis Barn located on Forest Avenue, Orono.

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

## PROPERTY WATCH

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

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

## COPS CORNER

### BIKE SAFETY

As the weather is getting warmer, the Orono Police Department would like to remind bicyclists and motorists of a few safety tips.

For our young friends who enjoy the exercise and freedom of riding their bikes, don't forget to make sure that your bike is safe to ride first. A few things to check for are your brakes, look for any loose bolts and see if the tires are properly inflated. For those under the age of 16, remember to wear your helmet and have your parents help to make sure that it fits snugly.

Try to avoid riding at night, but if you do, make sure that others can see you by having lights on the front and back of your bike along with wearing reflective clothing. If you are riding on the road, ride as far to the right of the roadway as you can safely and travel with the flow of

traffic. Remember to follow the rules of the road by stopping at stop signs, look both ways before crossing the road and try to use a crosswalk when there is one in the area.

For our friends driving a vehicle, don't forget to slow down and pass bicyclists at a safe distance of at least 3 feet. Also, stop at all crosswalks when someone is waiting to cross on either side of the roadway and wait until they are finished crossing the entire road before continuing on your way.

For any questions or other safety tips, please call the Orono Police Department at 866-4000. Or you can go to [www.NHTSA.gov](http://www.NHTSA.gov) or [www.bikemaine.org](http://www.bikemaine.org).

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## PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN STARTS AT HOME

Children need 60 minutes of active play every day to grow up to a healthy weight. This might sound like a lot but children 8-18 years old spend an average of 7 ½ hours every day using computers, video games, cell phones and watching TV and movies.

Follow these tips to help your entire family get fit and have fun together!

- **Focus on fun.** You don't have to call it "exercise," just call it an activity. Find out which ones your child likes and encourage those.
- **Limit TV and computer time.** The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends no more than two hours of daily media exposure for children ages two and older. When they are watching TV or using the computer, make sure they take breaks and move around.
- **Schedule play dates.** The key word here is "play." Have your child get to-
- gether with a friend and play a game of tag, race down the block or kick a ball around.
- **Get fit as a family.** Create some funny dance moves. Put up a net and shoot hoops. You could visit a park, play miniature golf or enjoy other activities where walking is required.
- **Choose gifts that encourage activity.** Give a jump-rope, mini-trampoline, hula hoop or a bike, instead of a video game.
- **Clean up.** Chores don't have to be a bore. Sing a silly song with your child as you wipe tables and counters together. See how long both of you can hold a funny face while folding and putting away clothes. Older kids can help wash the car. On a hot day, this can turn into water play.
- **Skip the mall.** Go to the playground
- instead. Fresh air always does a body good.
- **Be a model of fitness.** It's easier to motivate kids to be active if you lead an active lifestyle yourself. It can encourage them to do the same.
- **Encourage walking or biking.** If you live near stores, libraries or other places you visit regularly, leave the car at home. If you live in a remote area, find a safe route to tour on bike or on foot with your child.
- **Support fitness at your child's school.** Do you know how much physical activity your child gets at school? Now is the time to find out. If you don't like the answer, gather support from other parents to promote positive changes.

For more ideas and information go to [www.WhatYouDoMatters.org](http://www.WhatYouDoMatters.org)

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**NOTES FROM WASTEWATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY**

**Flushable or Non-Dispersible?**

Maine utilities, including Orono, have been struggling with pumps clogged by non-woven fabric consumer products (i.e., wipes, and similar items) that should not be flushed. Many products are marketed in a way that implies that they can be flushed, or don't provide guidance on the disposable method. We call these products "non-dispersible," to distinguish them from the small portion of the market that is developed to be flushed.

It's simple: the toilet is only meant to flush the three P's- pee, poop and paper. Human waste and toilet paper should be the only things going down the toilet. Unfortunately, over the years, people have turned the toilet into a trash can. From medications and sanitary products to deceased pet fish and cigarette butts, if it fits, people flush it.

Following is a list of items that people commonly flush that should not be going down the toilet.

Sanitary Products, Paper Towels, Diapers, Baby Wipes and Facial Tissues - are made of materials that don't break down or disperse and can cause pipes and pumps to clog. The trash is the place for these items.

Prescription Drugs and Over-The-Counter Medications - contain chemicals that you don't want entering the wastewater supply. Keep in mind that Orono's sewage is treated and discharged to the Penobscot River. Our wastewater treatment plant was not designed to remove all those chemicals from the water. The best way to dispose of these items is to turn them in to a drug take back program, such as the one put on in April by the Orono Police Depart-

ment, which was a State-wide program. There is also a green MED return box in the lobby of the Public Safety building which is available during office hours.

Kitty Litter - (especially clay kitty litter) will sooner or later clog your pipes, even the ones that claim to be "flushable". Far more problematic is Toxoplasmosis, a parasite found in cat waste that is harmful to marine biology. It's better to keep your cat waste out of wastewater and just put it in the trash.

Condoms and Dental Floss - both cause more problems than you'd imagine. They don't biodegrade and can cause pipes to clog.

So let's keep our wastewater flowing and our river clean. Educate yourself and others. Know What 2 Flush. Protect our sewers and environment!



**RECYCLING INFORMATION**

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

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

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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## The Orono Civil War Monument Needs Restoration!

Time and weather have caused damage to the statue and it is in need of extensive and costly repairs. Please send donations to:

**Save Our Statue!**  
Orono Historical Society  
P. O. Box 324  
Orono, ME 04473

## Orono Historical Society Fundraiser at Margarita's Restaurant 15 Mill Street, Orono 866-4863

**Monday, June 24th  
4:00 pm to close**

Bring your family and friends to dine at Margarita's and 15% of your check will be donated to the "Save the Statue" Fund.

Diner Handbills (donation coupons) are available at:

The Store,  
Orono Pharmacy  
and Degrasse Jew-  
elers.

## DOG LEASH LAW

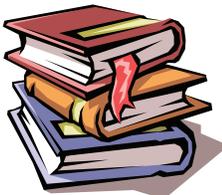
The Animal Ordinance (Sec. 6-29) addresses dogs running at large and the leash requirements. The language is as follows:

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

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

### Friends of the Orono Public Library

#### Book Donations And Book Sale



Please deliver your book donations to the library on the last Friday of the month for the monthly Book Sale. We appreciate your donations.

The monthly Book Sale is held the last Saturday of the month from 9:00am-noon.

Book Sale dates:

June 29  
July 27  
Sept. 28



## New Name, Same Great Supports!

In February, Treats Falls House officially began using the new name, **Independence Advocates of Maine, Inc.** As our agency expands services, we needed a new name separate from the name of our ICF/IID Facility.

Our corporate name is Independence Advocates of Maine, Inc. (I AM). The name Treats Falls House is not going away as it continues to be the name of our ICF/IID on Hillside Road in Orono, with our day program being named Community Ties on Main st. in Orono and our Level III Residential Care Facility in Bangor, Somerset House.

In all other aspects we are the same. We continue to have the same non-profit status and are overseen by the same Board of Directors.

Other exciting news is with our new name, we have a new look- Facebook page and website. Be sure to check them out and keep up to date on all our happenings. [www.iamsupports.org](http://www.iamsupports.org)

Independence Advocates of Maine, Inc.

2 Hillside Road  
PO BOX 457  
Orono, Me 04473

Phone: 207-866-3769  
Fax: 207-866-4982



**ORONO CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY, MARKING 16TH YEAR AS "TREE CITY USA"**

The Asa Adams School 5th Graders with their teacher, Patrick Allen, celebrated Arbor Day with the Orono Tree Board on May 16th at the Nature Garden on the hill between Adams School and Orono High School. After the Arbor Day Proclamation was read, the children planted seven spruce trees, mulched all of the saplings on the hillside and removed the milk weed stalks from the garden. The area is beautiful. Stop by to watch the birds, butterflies and bumblebees getting their food and pollinating the plants.



Trees are important to the people who live in every community as they "reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide" helping to provide

cleaner air and a healthier environment according to Dave Nowak, Eric Greenfield and another colleague in the journal, 'Environmental Pollution', Research Foresters with the U.S. Forest Service, who "found that urban tree cover is declining nationwide at a rate of about 20,000 acres per year, or 4 million trees a year." The Forest Service, Arbor Day Foundation and programs like Tree City USA, (Orono has been a Tree City USA for 16 years) help to inspire communities to improve their urban forests by planning and managing them better. It is estimated that the State of Maine's canopy of trees stores 4,200,000 tons of carbon.

This summer when planting any new trees, be sure to water them well (2 to 3 gallons daily for 3 to 4 weeks) and

especially in hot, dry weather. Avoid hitting the trunks when mowing and string trimming



to avoid damaging the bark and potentially killing the tree. Mulch up to a few inches from the trunk and remove collars in the spring to prevent insect damage. Fence the tree in if deer are prevalent.

Enjoy the trees in your neighborhood and think about their value to us and our health. We all can do our part in being good stewards of our trees.

**Orono Thrift Shop**

Located in the Birch Street Community Building

Sponsored by OHA

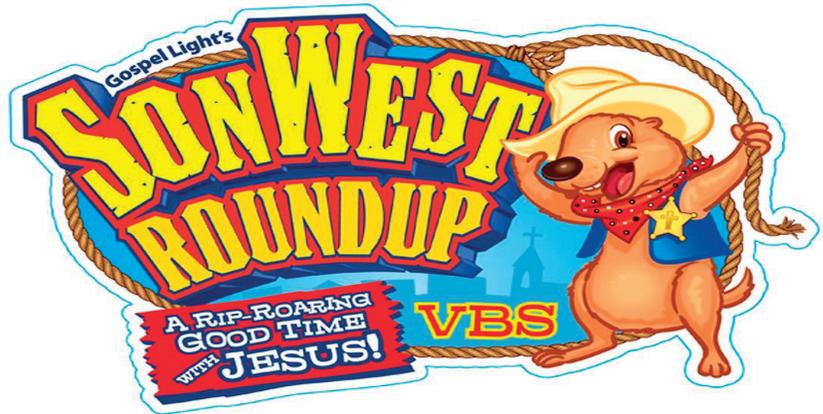
Hours Open:

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

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2nd right off Pine (Birch St.)

**ADVERTISE IN THE  
ORONO OBSERVER**

Ads are \$90/quarter page and must be submitted camera ready (pdf file preferred). Please contact Nancy Ward at 866-2556 to reserve space in the September/October/November 2013 *Orono Observer*. Note: Advertisements contained in this newsletter are paid for by the advertiser and do not represent an endorsement by the Town of Orono.



**Vacation Bible School!**

**Where:** Orono United Methodist Church  
(36 Oak Street)

**When:** July 22-26, 9am to 12pm

**For Who:** Ages 3-Entering Grade 6

**What:** Games, Crafts, Snacks, Music, Lessons

**To Register:** Call 866-4605 or visit our website:  
[www.oronoumc.com](http://www.oronoumc.com)

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

- ◆ Are you a resident of the State of Maine?
- ◆ Will you have owned a home in the State of Maine for at least the past 12 months prior to April 1, 2014?
- ◆ And, do you declare your home in Orono as your permanent place of residency?



If you answered yes to all of these questions, you may be entitled to a \$10,000 reduction in the assessed value of your home, regardless of your income.

**VETERAN EXEMPTION**

If you are a veteran, at least age 62 or 100% disabled a resident of Orono and served during a federally recognized war period, you may qualify for a \$6,000 reduction in the assessed value of your property. Widows of veterans may also qualify for a reduction.

**You must apply by  
April 1, 2014**

If you believe that you may qualify for either a veteran or homestead exemption, you must apply by April 1, 2014 in order to receive the exemption(s) on your September 2014 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**

<b>Town Office:</b>	<b>866-2556</b> 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday-Friday
<b>Public Works:</b>	<b>866-5062</b> 6:00 AM to 4:30 PM Tuesday-Friday
<b>Recreation:</b>	<b>866-5065</b> 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday-Friday
<b>Library:</b>	<b>866-5060</b> Mondays - Closed Tues. & Thurs. - 10 AM - 7 PM Wed. & Fri. - 10 AM - 5 PM Saturdays - 9 AM - 1 PM
<b>Disposal Area (Landfill):</b>	Wed. & Sat. - 8 AM - 4 PM (Obtain permits from Town Office)
<b>Curbside Recycling Dates:</b>	June 13, 14, 27, 28 July 11, 12, 25, 26 August 8, 9, 22, 23

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**Inside:**

Town Budget Public Hearing,  
June 3rd, 7pm  
RSU#26 Budget Validation  
Referendum Election, June 11th