



Orono Observer

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Meetings, Events, etc

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- 7 Orono Festival Day
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October:

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November:

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- 5 Referendum Election
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- 21 Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner
- 28 Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- 29 Town Office closed

December:

- 1 2014 Hunting/Fishing Licenses available for sale

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Saturday, October 5th

The Town of Orono will participate (along with over 20 greater Bangor area towns) in the Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection. On Saturday, October 5, 2013, Orono residents can bring their hazardous waste items to the Bangor Public Works Department at 530 Maine Avenue, which is near the Bangor Airport, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Additional traffic lanes will be open to make the process quick and easy.

For a list of acceptable items for disposal, visit www.orono.org or contact the Town Office at 866-2556. Several materials will not be accepted and ad-
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BLACK BEAR/ORONO EXPRESS SHUTTLE BUS

The Black Bear/Orono Express resumed service on **Tuesday, September 3rd**. This Shuttle service, which is **free to all**, brings riders between downtown Orono and the University of Maine in a thirty-minute loop.

The Shuttle runs from Mill and Pine Streets in Orono, making stops in the Webster neighborhood, Orchard Trails, Talmar Woods, the University Credit Union, the Student Recreation Center, and the Student Union before returning to the downtown Orono village area. Hours of service are 6:55am to 9:55pm Monday-Saturday.

Check www.orono.org, or UMaine.edu/shuttle for full shuttle bus schedule information. Save time and gas by riding the Black Bear-Orono Express Shuttle.

LEAF & BRUSH PICKUP

Starting November 4th

The Town of Orono will pick up bagged leaves and brush curbside starting November 4, 2013. Public Works will pick up leaves/brush Monday through Friday.

Brush must be cut into 4-foot sections and not larger than 6 inches in diameter. No small chunks of fire wood or construction material will be picked up. Residents can put out brush only during the pick up. Please remember to put only leaves in bags. If bags contain other items they will not be picked up.

REFERENDUM ELECTION Tuesday, November 5, 2013

Voting for the November 5, 2013 Referendum Election will be held from 7am - 8pm in the following locations:

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

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

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

The Registrar of Voters will be in open session at the Town Office for the purpose of registering and enrolling new voters on: October 29, 30, 31, November 1, and 4 from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. On voting day, registration of voters will take place at all precincts.

Absentee ballots may be requested from the Town Office in person, in writing, or by phone. More information is available at www.orono.org.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

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ditional materials will be accepted. Make sure to visit the Town's website or stop by for a list of items.

In order to participate in this program, you **MUST PRE-REGISTER at the Town Office between September 10, 2012 and noon on October 5, 2013.** Please bring an inventory of items and volume of material for disposal, and you will be provided with a no-cost permit to be admitted into the drop-off location.

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

SENIOR CITIZEN THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner will be held **Thursday, November 21st, 4:30 pm at the Birch Street Senior Center**, off Pine Street. The dinner is sponsored by the Orono Town Employees.

All Orono Senior Citizens are invited to attend.

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

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS NOVEMBER 3

Remember to replace your smoke detector batteries when you change the clock.

SKI TRAILS BEHIND ORONO HIGH SCHOOL

The Orono High School Cross Country/Ski trail is a well-groomed trail used by the public and the OHS and Penobscot Valley Ski Club (PVSC) kids teams. Last year the safety signage created some confusion.

To make for multi-use fun while maintaining safety, this year the trails will have clearer signage. All skiers, walkers, and those who snowshoe can simultaneously enjoy the trails. The signs will show classic (parallel) ski tracks and snowshoe tracks side by side with the words "Please Stay to Side of Tracks." We request that those who are walking, on snowshoes, skate skiing (or who have 4 paws) please not walk on the classic tracks, thus keeping them smoothly grooved. Skate skis' angular tracks can tolerate footprints of other types of pedestrians. There will also be signs posted with words and pictures indicating that skiers are to either go one way or not enter and all others may enter and go either way. This is to maintain safety since skiers may *(continued on page 3)*

YOU'RE INVITED!



ORONO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

You're invited to join us for warm, friendly fellowship at 36 Oak Street! Our fall schedule begins on September 8; Church begins at 11:00 am with Sunday school offered for all ages. Check our website to learn more about the many activities offered to you and your family. We look forward to meeting you!

Website: www.oronoumc.com (We're on Facebook too!)

Address: 36 Oak Street Phone: 866-4605

SKI TRAILS

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collide at rapid speeds; non-skiers are able to get out of harm's way. All signs will be removed at the end of the ski season.

Plans are in the works for small numerical signs at trail junctions and more detailed maps. For now, we hope the trail blazes, blue for the main loop and white for side trails, make the trails easier to use.

Feel free to offer feedback to PVSC contact, Daniel, at daniel.perkins@maine.edu and/or to the Orono Land Trust email address at OronoLandTrust@roadrunner.com. Enjoy the woods!

Nancy Rampe, OLT steward for the OHS trails

ORONO PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

Recreation Office located at the Town Office, Municipal Building, 59 Main Street, 866-5065

COMMUNITY HOUSE ACTIVITIES
19 Bennoch Road

Aerobics Classes begin Sept. 3rd: Tues/Thurs 6:00-7:00 pm

Mary Drew Dance Classes begin September 23rd: Tues/Thurs 3:30-5:30 and Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 pm

Zumba Classes: Mondays 6:30-7:30 pm and Wednesdays 5:00-6:30 pm

Check out more recreation opportunities available at www.orono.org.

AFTERSCHOOL CARE



Afterschool begins August 28th. Children may be signed up for the Afterschool Care program anytime. For more information, visit our website at www.orono.org, call the recreation department or stop by the Town Office.



FLAG FOOTBALL

Flag Football begins September 12th. Sign-ups are available at www.orono.org under Registration for Rec Programs.

ORONO VILLAGE FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 7th

Festival Day is almost upon us and we have a new website and facebook page to help us get the word out. Please visit www.oronofestivalday.com, like us on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/oronofestival> and share with your friends, relatives, customers, next door neighbors, etc.

We have a great line-up for Festival Day and we want to show off our wonderful town! Join in on the fun starting at 7:30am to 9:30pm. There's a pancake breakfast, road race, chili cookoff, music, crafts, food and activities for all ages.

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ORONO LIBRARY NEWS CORNER

Visit us on the website at www.orono.org, call us at 866-5060 or stop by 39 Pine Street.

The Orono Public Library serves the information and reading needs of the people of Orono by providing a place where qualified, trained staff offers guidance to a variety of library materials and services.

Services and programs are offered for all ages on a variety of topics. Information about regular programs for children and adults as well as special events is available on our website: www.orono.library.org.

Materials for reference and loan are available at our location, 39 Pine Street. If materials are not readily available, requests can be made through Minerva, the statewide interlibrary loan (ILL) system. OPL receives ILL deliveries five days each week.

The library has a vibrant volunteer program. Applications for volunteer opportunities are available at the library.

NEW! DIGITAL LITERACY

The library offers instruction in the use of a variety of technologies, including e-mail, the internet, e-reader devices, etc. A schedule of specialized programs and individual tutoring will be posted on the libraries web site in the near future.

OPL will join other libraries throughout the country in offering information to patrons about the Affordable Care Act beginning October 1, 2013.

As of September 9, the library will be open on Mondays: 10am-5pm. In the event of a Monday holiday, the library will be closed for the holiday as well as the Saturday before the holiday: Oct 12 & 14 for Columbus Day and Nov 9 & 11 for Veteran's Day.

GATEWAY SENIORS WITHOUT WALLS

September-December 2013 schedules

are available at the library. All activities are free except for purchases. For questions, additional information, or registration, call 889-3031. If no one answers, leave your name and phone number; and your call will be returned.

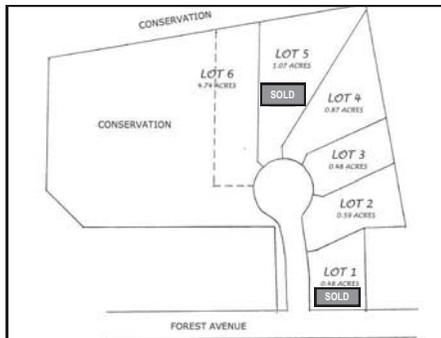
Here is a list of some of our programs/events (call for dates and times):

Movie Matinees; Lunch on the Town; Yarn Social (Knitting, Crocheting, etc.); Writing My Story; Iris Card Folding; Apple Picking; Guided Bog Board Walk; Gardening in Your Home; Fall Foliage Tour; Signs of wildlife: Tracks and Scat; Cooking for one (or maybe two); Making Great Scones (and a Great Cup of Tea); Flower Arranging Demonstration; Thrifty Shopper: Tour of the Area's Deals and Discount Tables; Tour of the Hudson Museum.

Many other programs are in the works. Please call for more information!

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WINTER PARKING BAN

The Town of Orono has a “parking ban” from November 1 to April 15. Motor vehicles must be parked in off-street locations between 12 midnight and 8:00 am.

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

DOWNTOWN PUBLIC PARKING

Free downtown public parking is available from 6:00 am to 2:00 pm every day in the municipal lots located behind the police station, off Pine Street and on Birch Street. Overnight parking is available by permit in the municipal lot behind the police station.

NO CAMPFIRES ALLOWED!

There are no campfires allowed on Orono Land Trust (OLT) properties or properties OLT cares for, without written permission from OLT along with a permit from the Orono Fire Department. We appreciate the public’s cooperation with this very important policy.

ZERO SORT RECYCLING IS HERE

Residents are no longer required to sort recycled materials for curbside collection. Materials simply need to be placed curbside in a recycling bin or container marked “Recycling”. Recycling stickers for your containers are available at the Town Office at no charge. Materials can also be placed in clear plastic trash bags.

Pine Tree Waste collects recycled materials every other week, on your trash day; Thursday or Friday. As always, be sure to have your items placed curbside by 7:00 am on your collection day.



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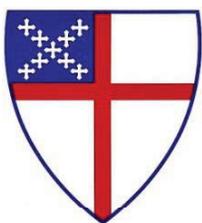
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Visit www.stjames.me or email revannkidder@gmail.com for more information.



St. James' Episcopal Church is a small, progressively minded congregation intent on being a welcoming and safe space for all. We are young and old, male and female, gay and straight, single, married, divorced and widowed, CEO and unemployed, student and teacher, rich and poor. We worship together, study and ask questions as we move more deeply into the mystery of God.

PLANNING A PARADE

The Town of Orono enjoys the opportunity to assist with parades that civic and social groups are organizing for special events.

If your organization would like to hold a parade in the future, please pick up a parade permit at the Town Office. To comply with our insurance carrier, a certificate of insurance, indicating that the Town is an additional insured for the event will be required prior to authorizing the permit. Groups with questions are encouraged to contact the Town Manager at 866-2556.

ORONO'S BEST

Orono can be very proud of its restaurants for being named "Bangor Metro's Best Restaurants for 2013" for the Greater Bangor area. Here's a list of the winners and their categories ...

Best New Restaurant - The Family Dog; **Best Bar, Best Cocktails and Best Burger** - Woodman's Bar & Grill; **Best Coffee** - Verve; **Best Fries** - Bear Brew Pub; **Best Microbrew** - Black Bear Microbrew; **Best Pizza** - Pat's Pizza; **Best Sandwich** - Harvest Moon Deli; and **Best Wings** - The Roost. Check out all of these amazing restaurants!

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which meets at the same time as Sunday School with
opportunities for assisting from Grades 11-12*

All Saints Day Remembrance Service
Friday, November 1st 7 pm

Messy Church!

Messy Church! is a family fun time of crafts, games, supper,
and a short and lively worship!

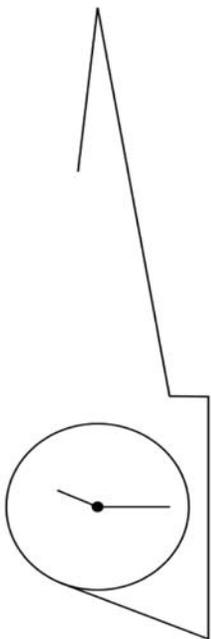
Second Saturdays, October 12 and Nov. 10, 4 - 6 pm All welcome!

Please call or email or visit our website for more information

866-3655 cuf82@myfairpoint.net churchofuniversalfellowship.org

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

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- Driver Education/Sign Language
- First Aid for Pets/Six Feet Under: Funeral Choices
- Personal Finance/Crochet/Cooking for Couples
- Hunter's Safety/Hospice Volunteer Training
- Adopting/Fostering a Pet/Karate for Adults
- Self Defense for Women/Yoga/CPR & First Aid
- Acrylic Painting/Belly Dance/Tennis for Adults
- Buying & Selling on eBay/Using your iPad
- Hula Hooping/Zumba/Introduction to LinkedIn
- Cooking Skills Series/Self-Hypnosis
- Effective Communication Skills
- Building your Credit Score

For a complete listing of all fall courses, including over 500 online classes, contact us at 866-4119 or at: www.rsu26.org/centraloffice/adult-education/. Most classes start in late September or in early October.

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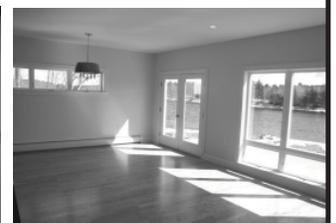
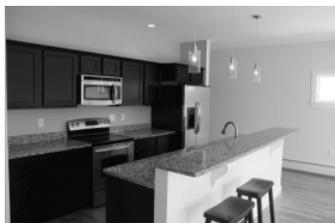
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Town Office: 866-2556
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Monday-Friday

Public Works: 866-5062
Tues.-Fri. 6:00 AM to 4:30 PM
(As of Oct 9) Mon-Fri 7AM-3:30 PM

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

Library: 866-5060
Sunday - Closed
Tues. & Thurs. - 10 AM - 7 PM
Mon., Wed. & Fri. - 10 AM - 5 PM
Sat. - 9 AM - 1 PM

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

Curbside Recycling Dates:
September 6, 7, 19, 20
October 3, 4, 17, 18, 31
November 1, 14, 15, 29, 30

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