



# Orono Observer

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## Meetings

**Meetings in Council Chambers**  
59 Main Street, Orono

**Town Council Meetings:**  
2nd Monday/month, 7PM

**Council Committee and Budget Meetings:** Wednesdays, 4:30 or 5:30PM, check orono.org news & events/calendar

**Planning Board Meetings:**  
3rd Wednesday/Month, 7PM

**Comp Plan Committee Public Forum,** March 27, 6-9PM

**Capital Budget Public Hearing**  
April 14, 7PM

## STREAM CLEAN UP MAY 17TH

The Town will be hosting its annual Stream Clean-up Event Saturday, May 17<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 Council Chambers, 59 Main Street at 9:00 am. The clean-up will take place from 10-11:30 am followed by a BBQ for all the volunteers.

Take advantage of this opportunity to meet different members of our community and improve water quality in our town! This is the perfect opportunity for your youth/civic group, neighborhood, business, or organization to give back and help protect a natural resource that define our town. We are also looking for team leaders to represent their organization.

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## MUNICIPAL ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 11TH

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 four candidates running for two Town Council seats and three candidates running for two RSU26 seats.

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

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## E-WASTE COLLECTION DAY - MAY 17

The Town of Orono in cooperation with the City of Old Town, the University of Maine and other regional communities will sponsor its 1st E-Waste Collection Day. This free event will be held Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Steam Plant Parking Area off College Avenue in Orono.

The event will be facilitated by Electronics End, LLC; a Maine DEP licensed and insured Electronics Demanufacturing Facility located in Brewer. Electronics and batteries will be accepted and processed by Electronics End for recycling. This includes televisions, monitors, computers, VCR and DVD players, power tools, and any other type of small electric appliance, and any type of battery.

This event is not intended for the collection of other types of universal or hazardous waste like fluorescent bulbs, paints or solvents, items that contain nuclear materials, or pesticides. These types of items will not be accepted.

## FREE LANDFILL DROP OFF DAYS

**May 10 - May 17, 2014**  
**(Plus May 21 & 24)**

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 10 through Saturday, May 17, 2014 (**except Sunday and Monday**) from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Two extra days have been added:** Wednesday, May 21st and Saturday, May 24th for your convenience. **Proof of residency or property ownership required.**

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## BAGGED LEAVES & BRUSH PICKED UP CURBSIDE

**May 6 – May 23, 2014**

The Town of Orono will begin picking up bagged leaves and brush on Tuesday, May 6 through Friday, May 23, 2014.

**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.**

## HELP THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE DECIDE SOME KEY ISSUES

The Comprehensive Plan Committee is in the home stretch of drafting policies and actions for the updated Comprehensive Plan. Town citizens are invited to help in two ways:

First, go to [www.surveymonkey.com/s/VCVV98V](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VCVV98V) and complete a brief survey (by March 16) that addresses three issues:

- Property maintenance – the Committee wants advice on how it should address the maintenance of the exteriors of private properties: whether to address it at all and if so, how far it should go.
- Student homes – should the Town have a policy on the number of dwellings in single-family neighborhoods occupied by unrelated students?
- Climate change – to what extent should the Comprehensive Plan address climate change?

You can also go to the Town web site – [www.orono.org/planning](http://www.orono.org/planning) - and click on “on-line survey” under Update of the Comprehensive Plan.

Second, the Committee will hold its 5<sup>th</sup> Public Forum on Thursday, March 27, 6 p.m., Town Council Chambers. The discussion will focus on natural resources, recreation facilities, transportation, and other municipal services, as well as the in-town Future Land Use Plan.

And, as always, the Comp Plan Committee welcomes your participation at its monthly meetings (first Thursday of every month, 7 p.m., Council Chambers) or your written thoughts anytime.

## MUNICIPAL ELECTION

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The Registrar of Voters is available at the Orono Town Office register and enroll new voters and to correct the voting list for the March 11, 2014 Municipal Election from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and on Election Day from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

## STREAM CLEAN UP

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All participants under the age of 18 must provide signed guardian consent forms 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)

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ORONO PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

Recreation Office located at the Town Office, 59 Main Street, 866-2556

THINK SPRING ...

Check out our programs online at www.orono.org under the Parks & Recreation Department.

FAMILY FITNESS FRIDAY

Come enjoy Family Fitness Friday on March 7th and 14th at the UMaine Fitness Center from 5:00-7:30PM. Come swim in the pool, play rec games, basketball, and if the weather cooperates, snowshoe or ski the trails behind the Center. Subway party subs and drinks available for \$15 for a family of up to four, \$5 for each additional participant.

Register at www.orono.org through the Parks and Recreation Department. Bring the family and get active!

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 19-June 21.

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 \$30 residents and \$35 non-residents. Go to www.oronorec.com and register today!



ORONO-VEAZIE LITTLE LEAGUE NOTICE

Little League baseball is open to players 8-12 yrs old as of May 1, 2014. Little League softball is open to players that are between 8-12 yrs old as of January 1, 2014. Cost is \$60. Regular Season: end of April to mid-June. All-Star Season: mid-June to July. Contact Jonathan White by calling 745-7415 or email jonathanmw@roadrunner.com.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Check out the Parks & Recreation Department at www.orono.org after April 25th to register for summer activities. Programs include: 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.



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## ORONO LIBRARY NEWS CORNER

Visit us on the website at [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org), call us at 866-5060 or stop by 39 Pine Street.

### FREE TAX HELP at the Library

To make an appointment: Call Professor Steve Colburn at 581-1982, or email at [COLBURN@MAINE.EDU](mailto:COLBURN@MAINE.EDU)

### Tech Tuesday Programs

- Mar 18, 6:00pm. Making your own travel plans. Our panel of “pros” will share what has and hasn’t worked for them.

- Apr. 15, 6:00pm. Appy Hour– Are you utilizing your smart devices to the fullest? Check out some cool apps.

- May 6, 6:00pm. Photos to Movies –Just in time for the graduation and wedding season.

### Technology Tutors

The Orono Public Library offers assistance in the use of a variety of technologies, including email, the Internet, eReaders, devices, etc. Help sessions are presently available on Mon.

mornings, Tues. evenings and Thurs. afternoons. Appointments are strongly encouraged.

For information about our technology opportunities or to make an appointment, call 866-5060.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

Early spring may seem dreary, but the library is hopping with lots of fun activities!

The Chickadee Award Club and Maine Student Book Award Club will be wrapping up their meetings with voting parties; Kindred Spirits and Guys Read Too have made a comeback, courtesy of our new Teen Services Librarian, Laura Wood; Movie Afternoons, a Mystery Party, gaming and general schmoozing will entertain the teens; and don’t miss Holly’s Yoga for Kids and Pajama Story

Time with Mark each month and our weekly infant and toddler story times!

In collaboration with Adult & Community Education, we have Messy Art with Louise on Saturday, March 1st, 10:30am, at the library. While this is designed for pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, we welcome all ages. FREE! For our April Saturday Event, date TBA, we’ll be celebrating baseball with all of you!

Insect Adventures on May 17th, 10-12pm, is sponsored by the Friends of Edith Patch. Everyone is invited to chase bugs in our backyard, inspect them under a microscope, watch the water insects, and create some bug crafts!

Check our calendar for April’s Family Saturday Event and other programs we offer weekly and monthly: <http://library.orono.org/calendar>.

Call 866-5060 or email [louise@orono.org](mailto:louise@orono.org) for more information.

## GOT CHURCH?



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Website: [www.oronoumc.com](http://www.oronoumc.com) Facebook: Orono United Methodist

**TOWN FY2014-15 BUDGET**

The Town is in the process of developing the budget for FY2014-2015. 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 FY14-15 budget, all to be held in the Council Chambers.

Public Hearing on the Capital Budget: April 14, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Council Budget Workshops: April 30, May 14, 21, and 28, all at 4:30 pm.

Public Hearing on the Budget: June 9, 2014 at 7:00 pm and Budget Adoption: June 23, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

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".

**SPRING AHEAD**

Daylight Savings begins on **Sunday, March 9, 2014**. Replace the batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks.



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## FREE TREES

Trees will be available this spring to Orono residents at no cost. All trees will be planted by the Tree Board. The trees must be planted in the public domain (i.e. on land along the streets owned and maintained by the town) and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Residents interested in having trees planted in front of their homes 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.

## HOMESTEAD & VETERANS EXEMPTIONS

April 1st deadline (no need to file if already receiving):

Homestead Exemption - \$10,000 assessment reduction. For more information: [http://assessor.orono.org/homestead\\_exemption1](http://assessor.orono.org/homestead_exemption1).

Veteran Exemptions - \$6,000 assessment reduction - Age 62 or older, 100% disabled or Widow/Widower. For more information: [http://assessor.orono.org/veteran\\_exemptions](http://assessor.orono.org/veteran_exemptions).



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### SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

~ Maundy Thursday, April 17 ~

**Foot Washing Service: 5:00 pm**

**Potluck Super and Worship: 6:00 pm**

~ Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 18, 7:00 pm ~

### EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP on April 20, 2014

~ Easter Sunrise Service: 6:30 am ~

with The Orono United Methodist Church

at The Penobscot Valley Country Club

Following the Sunrise Service,

all are welcome for breakfast at the Church of Universal Fellowship.

*[In case of inclement weather, the service*

*will be at The Church of Universal Fellowship, 82 Main Street.]*

~ Easter Morning Worship 10:15 am ~

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

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## WPCF NEWS: STOP! DON'T FLUSH THAT

Waste water systems operate 24-hours a day, 7-days a week- that is until an item that doesn't belong makes its way into the system, clogging pipes and causing headaches for operators.

Perpetrators mucking up the system are known as "nondispersibles," which currently means anything other than human waste and toilet paper that's flushed down the toilet.

The waste water industry reference for dispersibility is two-ply toilet paper, which starts to break apart when the toilet is flushed and is indistinguishable in the waste water system in a matter of seconds.

Manufacturers label any product capable of making it through a home's plumbing system as flushable. But in collection systems, treatment plants and septic systems, nondispersibles clog pumps, pipes and valves; overwhelm screens and bar racks; and block sewer

mains. They can cause sanitary sewer overflows and require extensive repairs and replacement of pumps, screens and other equipment.

Add fats oils and greases to the mixture and problems get worse.

## WINTER PARKING BAN

in effect until April 15, 2014.

## PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION MARCH 19, 2014

Orono Asa Adams School will hold Pre-K & Kindergarten registration on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 for the 2013-2014 school year; by appointment only. Call 866-2151 between 8:30 am and 3 pm.

## ORONO ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION - SPRING COURSES

For more information and a list of programs, contact Orono Adult & Community Education at 866-4119 or visit [www.rsu26.org](http://www.rsu26.org). For information on Distance Learning Classes, visit: [www.ed2go.com/rsu26](http://www.ed2go.com/rsu26).

## PENOBSCOT VALLEY SENIOR COLLEGE SPRING COURSES

Courses will be offered to PVSC members between March 13 and April 18. There are no pre-requisites, no exams, no papers and no grades—just learning for the fun of it! Visit our website [www.mainecenteronaging.com](http://www.mainecenteronaging.com) to see our course catalog and registration information or call 992-0118 for more information. PVSC membership is required for course registration.



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**LANDFILL DROP OFF**

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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.

**LANDFILL REGULAR HOURS - MARCH 26TH**

Beginning March 26, 2014, the landfill will return to the standard hours of operation - every Wednesday & Saturday from 8:00am-4:00pm.

**LEAVES AND BRUSH ACCEPTED AT LANDFILL**

The Town of Orono now accepts leaves and brush at the landfill. Residents with a permit may haul brush and bagged leaves to the landfill during regular operating hours. Materials must be dumped in the designated area as directed by Public Works staff. No contaminated materials will be accepted. Contact Public Works or the Town Office with any questions.

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**Town of Orono Hours of Operation**

**Town Office: 866-2556**  
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**Public Works: 866-5062**  
Mon-Fri 7AM-3:30 PM  
Starting April 22 thru Oct 10:  
Tues-Fri 6AM-4:30PM

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

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

**Disposal Area (Landfill):**  
Starting March 26 - Wed/Sat  
Obtain permit at Town Office)

**Curbside Recycling Dates:**  
March 6, 7, 20, 21  
April 3, 4, 17, 18  
May 1, 2, 15, 16, 30, 31

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