



Orono Observer

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Meetings, Events, etc

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- 1 Labor Day Holiday
- 6 Orono Festival Day
- 8 Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Council Chambers
- 17 Planning Board, 7:00 pm, Council Chambers
- 19 First-half property taxes due

October:

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- 15 Planning Board, 7:00 pm, Council Chambers
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November:

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- 4 Referendum Election
- 10 Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
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- 19 Planning Board, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
- 20 Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner
- 27 Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- 28 Town Office closed

December:

- 1 2014 Hunting/Fishing Licenses available for sale

LEAF & BRUSH PICKUP

Starting November 3rd

The Town of Orono will pick up bagged leaves and brush curbside starting November 3, 2014. 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 TUES., NOVEMBER 4TH

Voting for the November 4, 2014 Referendum Election will be held from 7am - 8pm.

A new polling location (for Ward 1 Precincts 1 & 3) has been approved by Council to consolidate voting for State and Federal Elections to one central voting place, the Orono Middle School Gym at 14 Goodridge Drive.

On-campus residents (Ward 1 Precinct 2) will continue to vote at the University of Maine Memorial Union during the school session.

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HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY CANCELLED

Due to budget constraints, the City of Bangor has cancelled the Hazardous Waste Day in October. The Town of Orono is currently working with other municipalities to develop an alternative plan. More information will be provided soon.

ORONO FESTIVAL DAY, SEPT. 6TH

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 from 7:30am to 9:30pm. There's a pancake breakfast, road race, chili cookoff, music, crafts, food and activities for all ages. New this year, will be a chicken BBQ and family games in Webster Park, and the Mallett Brothers Band and fireworks on the University Inn lawn.

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BLACK BEAR/ORONO EXPRESS RECORD RIDERSHIP & REVISED SCHEDULE

The numbers are in for the Black Bear Orono Express's 2013-2014 Academic Year: the shuttle carried just over 60,000 passengers between September and May. Ridership has grown steadily since the shuttle service began in the 2009-2010 school year.

One period during the week, however, has always been slow – the shuttle has carried few riders during Saturday evening hours (5 pm to 10 pm). Therefore, the service for that time slot has ended. Instead, a second bus will be added to the Saturday afternoon (roughly noon to 5 pm) run, providing service to the University Mall and Godfrey Drive area.

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“STUDENT HOMES” MORATORIUM UNDER DISCUSSION

The draft Update of the Comprehensive Plan identified the need for a better balance between student rentals and continued home ownership opportunities in established neighborhoods. It recommended defining “student homes” as a specific type of land use and limiting their number in zoning districts primarily designed for single- and two-family homes.

The Plan recognized that this will be a difficult task. Other college towns in the U.S. have used this approach, but customizing it to Orono will require thoughtful discussion with all interested parties.

It therefore recommended that the Town Council consider a moratorium on new student homes in sections of the Town covered by the Medium Density Residential, Low Density Residential,

Shoreland Limited Residential, and possibly the Forestry & Agriculture District.

The Town Council is in the process of deciding whether a moratorium is warranted. If it decides to adopt a moratorium, it would last initially for six months. If it adopts a moratorium, the Council will set an effective date. Persons who may be considering converting an existing dwelling to a student home may wish to consult with the Town Manager or Town Planner on the status of the moratorium.

By the time this issue of the Orono Observer is published, more information on a proposed definition of “student homes” and on the proposed moratorium will be available on the Town’s Planning Department web site: www.orono.org/planning.

POSSIBLE UPDATES TO NOISE ORDINANCE

The Town’s Noise Ordinance has not been updated for a number of years. During that time certain zoning districts have changed. The Noise Ordinance needs to be aligned with these changes.

By the time this issue of the Orono Observer is published, a draft of proposed changes will be available on the Town’s Planning Department web site: www.orono.org/planning. The Town Council will be considering the proposal starting in September.

Key proposed changes include setting sound pressure levels for zoning districts that have been newly created or changed during the past decade; using an hourly averaging approach similar to that used by Maine Department of Environmental Protection; and prescribing certain measurement procedures.

-ORONO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH-



Join us for warm, friendly fellowship at 36 Oak Street! Church begins at 11am, with Sunday school offered for all ages. Check our website for directions and to learn more about the many activities offered to you and your family.

We look forward to meeting you!

Website: www.oronoumc.com Facebook: Orono United Methodist

ORONO PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

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

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

Afterschool begins September 2nd

The Orono Afterschool Program offers a healthy, exciting and engaging environment to keep children active. For more information, visit our website at www.orono.org, call the Parks & Recreation Department, or stop by the Town Office.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

This program is designed to allow parents to take a night to themselves while their children participate in fun and engaging activities.

We will be offering a Parents' Night Out once a month at the Keith Anderson Community House. Check our website for information on the different options that are being offered.

FALL FIELD HOCKEY

This program offers children the opportunity to develop skills through specific drills, lead up games and modified game play. Go to www.orono.org for more information and to register.

KEITH ANDERSON COMMUNITY HOUSE ACTIVITIES

Keith Anderson Community House (KACH) offers a variety of activities for everyone. Some of the offerings this fall are Mary Drew School of Dance, Step Aerobics, Zumba with Tracy and Tabata (a body weight, high intensity interval training class). More information is available at www.orono.org under Registration for Rec Programs.



FLAG FOOTBALL

Flag Football begins September 2nd. This non-contact program will teach boys and girls the fundamental skills necessary to play football. Sign-ups are available at www.orono.org under Registration for Rec Programs.

FALL SOCCER



The fall soccer program serves children from pre-K through grade 5 and is designed to allow participants to learn the skills necessary to play soccer in a fun but structured environment. For more information, go to www.orono.org.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

Parks and Recreation is now on Facebook at www.facebook.com/oronoparksandrec. Check often for information about our programming.

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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.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

The most important school supply of all... a library card! September is Library Card Sign-Up Month at the library. If you haven't discovered your local library, now is the time! Already have an account with us? Please visit us to see what's new and check to see if your account is still active.

Coming back this fall... the MSBA club, mantis yoga, teen activities, movie afternoons, Pajama Story Time, Infant and Toddler Story Times, and special events.

On Festival Day, September 6th, join us at the library for our Vehicle Petting Zoo! You may see a police car, a fire truck, a loader and more! We'll have special guests reading stories under the tent, and an edible vehicle craft.

On October 18th, at 11am, we'll be hosting another "Reading is Magic"

event with magician Wes Booth at the Keith Anderson Community House.

And, on November 15th, at 10am, Hampstead Theatre will be performing "A Christmas Carol" for the community! Location for this will be announced.

For up-to-date information on programs and resources, please check our website: <http://library.orono.org>, call 866-5060 or email louise@orono.org.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Book to Movie Group - Tuesday evenings @ 5:30 in the OPL Community Room.- Sept 23, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16. Riding in Cars with Boys by Beverly Donofrio will be discussed after the viewing of the movie starring Drew Barrymore on Sept. 23. Order your book today and come enjoy the movie, discussion and refreshments.

FREE Computer Help for everyone at the library - Need help using computers or your eReaders, accessing the web, setting up email or requesting a library item? Call the Orono Public Library at 866-5060 to schedule your one-on-one appointment.

ATTENTION SENIOR CITIZENS

The Orono Senior Citizens Club invites seniors 50 years or older from Orono and nearby towns to join our club. We meet every other Thursday at 11am at the Birch Street Senior Center. We play bingo from 11am through 12:30pm, break for lunch, hold a short meeting, and then some of our members stay and play cards for an hour or so.

There are many benefits to members. For more information, call Anita Leavitt at 907-4155 or Gertrude Nevells at 866-2326.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Orono Police Department wants to remind people that:

- Operators of motor vehicles must stop for pedestrians in marked crosswalks – any part of the crosswalk, even if they have already crossed the lane you are in! Fine for violation: \$165.
- While passing an emergency vehicle with its lights flashing, operators may only pass at a reasonable and prudent speed, and do so only in a reasonable and safe manner. Fine for violation: \$311.
- The winter parking ban begins on November 1st, and means that no vehicles may be parked on any roadway from midnight until 8 am. Fine for violation: \$30.

Please remember that with the beginning of September comes the return of both the University of Maine students, as well as the students going to Orono schools. Watch for the increase in traffic to include pedestrians. We all play an important role in keeping our roads safe! Drive slowly, and pay attention to your surroundings.

DOWNTOWN PUBLIC PARKING

Free downtown public parking is available from 6am to 2pm 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.

FESTIVAL DAY CHICKEN BBQ

A Chicken BBQ (put on by Moe's BBQ) will take place on Festival Day, September 6th, from 4:30-6:30pm in Webster Park.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Orono Town Office or Public Library. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 10 years old.

CODE ENFORCEMENT NEWS

Part of the duties as Code Enforcement Officer is the administration of the E-911 Addressing System. Travelling around town, we have noticed that many properties do not have house numbers posted.

Our Ordinance and the State's E-911 System require that numbers be posted on the house if it is located within 50 feet of the street, or on a post (or mailbox) if the house is more than 50 feet from the road.

The numbers must be a minimum of 4 inches high and be of a color that contrasts well with the background. For your safety, we ask that you make sure your property address numbers are posted and are in good condition.

FESTIVAL DAY FIREWORKS DISPLAY

The Town of Orono is seeking support in its fundraising effort for the 2014 Festival Day Fireworks Display. The funds raised from individuals, organizations and businesses will allow people to enjoy the downtown well into the evening and end the day with a grand finale.

Consider making a donation to: Town of Orono, Festival Day Fireworks, 59 Main Street, Orono, ME 04473. We hope this will be the best Festival Day yet!

MALLETT BROTHERS BAND

The Mallett Brothers Band will perform on Festival Day, September 6th from 6:30-8:30pm on the University Inn lawn. The concert is free for all. Parking will be available behind the Fire Station in the municipal parking lot.

Fireworks will follow the concert at 9:00pm.



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FESTIVAL DAY MUSIC ON MILL STREET

There will be an abundance of arts to explore at Orono Festival Day, which falls this year at the start of National Arts in Education Week. Whether you prefer jazz, pop, classical, international, indie, or other forms of instrumental and vocal music, you'll find them all on the Mill Street stage from 10:00am - 3:00pm, performed by students, alumni, and friends of Orono's school arts programs. Under a colorful canopy nearby, discover an al fresco exhibit featuring works by our community's young artists.

And who knows - there might even be a surprise bit of street theatre to enjoy, when Orono's young actors do their part to celebrate the day! Even the morning's Pie in the Sky Race will be a celebration of the arts: earnings from the event will support the Orono Schools Coalition for the Arts' Fund for school arts programs and projects. Stop by the Coalition's booth by the stage and find out how you can get involved!

ORONO ARTS CAFE

The Orono Arts Cafe is a chem-free, family-friendly entertainment venue for youth and adult performers of jazz, classical, international, pop, and other genres of music, as well as humorous and dramatic spoken-word pieces. The OAC takes place on the second Friday of every month at the Keith Anderson Community House on Bennoch Road. Artist sign-up begins at 6:30 p.m., and the show starts at 7:00. Admission is \$3.00 for all. Proceeds from admission and refreshment sales support arts scholarships for students in grades 4-12, as well as arts programs and projects in the Orono schools.

TOWN OF ORONO SEEKS CANDIDATES INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE RSU#26 BOARD

The Orono Town Council seeks applications from residents interested in serving on the Regional School Unit 26 Board of Directors until immediately following the Municipal Election in March, 2015. The Interim Director will represent the citizens of the Town of Orono and play an important role in establishing the RSU#26 FY2015-2016 School Budget and policy making.

Please consider volunteering to serve on this important Board. Your input will make a difference for our community. Applications are available online at www.orono.org under "Departments/Human Resources" or at the Orono Town Office. Please submit an application and a letter of interest to the Town of Orono, 59 Main Street, Orono ME 04473 by 4:00 PM, Friday, September 5, 2014.

GATEWAY SENIORS WITHOUT WALLS

Senior Citizens join us! We schedule meaningful, diverse, daily activities in Orono, Old Town, and Veazie. There are no membership fees; activities are free of charge except for purchases or where noted. Everybody is welcome.

A few of the roughly 90 activities throughout September, October, and November, 2014 include:

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| Ice cream social | Financial abuse of seniors |
| Do you need a trust? | Chair yoga |
| Knitting group | Tour of Ragamuffin's Bakery |
| Downsize and declutter | Guided bogwalk |
| Dinner for 1 or 2 club | Movie musicals at the library |
| The secret life of the beaver | |
| Maine artist James Linehan talks about his paintings | |

Call 889-3031 or write us at GatewaySeniorsWithoutWalls@roadrunner.com to ask for our monthly Activity Schedule. Or look at our website: www.GatewaySeniorsWithoutWalls.org

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS NOVEMBER 2

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ELECTION

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Staff is currently waiting on final approval from the State. When finalized, information on the new central polling location will be advertised in the newspapers, on the Town's website and on Cable Channel 7.

The Registrar of Voters will be in open session at the Town Office for the purpose of registering and enrolling new voters on: October 28, 29, 30, 31 and November 3 from 8:30am – 4:3 pm. On voting day, registration of voters will take place at the polls.

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

**SENIOR CITIZEN
THANKSGIVING DINNER**

The Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner will be held **Thursday, November 20th, 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.

**BLACK BEAR-ORONO
EXPRESS**

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This will give students and others another option for reaching a grocery store or for getting to or from work in the Stillwater Ave – Godfrey Drive area.

Watch for the updated schedule at <http://umaine.edu/shuttle/> or get a route map and schedule from Bangor Community Connector.

**RSU#26 ADULT &
COMMUNITY EDUCATION
FALL 2014 PROGRAMS**

High School Diploma / HiSET
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One-Day Bus Trips
Health & Fitness Courses
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Online Health Occupations Trainings

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and Young Adults With Pizzazz! ~ Gr. 6-10

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All Saints Day Remembrance Service

Saturday, November 1st 7 pm

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866-3655 cuf82@myfairpoint.net churchofuniversalfellowship.org

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Monday-Friday

Public Works: 866-5062
Tues.-Fri. 6:00 AM to 4:30 PM
(As of Oct 14) 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	5, 6, 18, 19
October	2, 3, 16, 17, 30, 31
November	13, 14, 28, 29

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