



# Orono Observer

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## Meetings, Events, etc

### December:

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

### January:

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

### February:

- 9 Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
- 18 Planning Board, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber



## HOLIDAY TREE PICKUP

Public Works will be picking up holiday trees curbside for **two weeks**, beginning Monday, January 5th through Friday, January 16th.

Please leave your trees out during this time period and the Public Works crew will circulate around town picking them up during their regular working hours.

## LEAVES AND BRUSH ACCEPTED AT LANDFILL

The Town of Orono now accepts leaves and brush at the landfill. Residents with a permit (at no charge) 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.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT NEWS

As a reminder, permits are required whenever wood or pellet stoves are installed, and afterwards we will inspect the installations to verify that they are installed correctly.

## 2ND-HALF PROPERTY TAXES DUE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

The second half of property taxes will be due on Friday, February 6, 2015 for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Please mark your calendars. The interest rate on unpaid taxes is 7%. Interest begins on February 7, 2015.

## MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE

Nomination papers will be available after December 15th at the town office for the March 10, 2015 Municipal Election. The deadline for filing papers is on or before 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 23, 2015. At least 25, but no more than 100 signatures of Orono voters are required to have a name placed on the ballot.

There are three 3-year terms available on Town Council and two 3-year term available on the Orono RSU#26 Board.

## BIG GIG – A BIG DEAL!

Big Gig – the entrepreneur’s networking and pitch event that began in Orono – has started its third year with a bang. Crowds have turned out at the first two events of the year.

They’ve heard pitches from entrepreneurs with an array of products and services – including from two Orono-based businesses (Zeomatrix and BoomerTech Adventures) and one from UMaine freshman Austin Kidder (Dusty’s Toys). Winners receive prize money provided by Orono-based University Credit Union.

The next Big Gig will be Feb. 24 at Husson University with the finale in April at UMaine. Check out [www.biggig.org](http://www.biggig.org) – and think about pitching your big idea.

## COMP PLAN COMMITTEE AND LDR DISTRICT

The Comprehensive Plan Committee is nearing a recommendation for balancing competing land uses in the Low Density Residential District (along Stillwater and part of Forest Ave). The Committee meets first Thursday of the month in the Council Chambers. And you can follow it at [www.orono.org/planning](http://www.orono.org/planning).

## TOWN OFFICE NEWS

Town Offices will be **CLOSED** from 11 am-1:30 pm tentatively on Wednesday, December 17, 2015 for the Annual Employee Recognition Program and Luncheon.

## DOG LICENSES Renew by January 31st



Maine Law requires that all dogs six months of age or older be licensed in the municipality where their owners reside. Dog licenses for the year 2015 are now available at the town office. All dogs must be licensed before January 31, 2015 to avoid a \$25 penalty. The fee for a spayed or neutered dog is \$6.00 and \$11.00 for an unaltered dog.

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~ **SUNDAY WORSHIP** ~

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

~ **CHRISTMAS CONCERTS** ~

**Euphony: King's College Lessons and Carols:** *Saturday, December 13, 7:00 pm*

**Mount View Chamber Singers:** *Tuesday, December 16, 7:00 pm*

**Epiphany Extravaganza Concert:** *Sunday, January 4, 2:00 pm*

~ **CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP** ~

**4:00 pm** **A Children's Christmas Eve**

*Do you want to be a wise man? An angel? A shepherd? Come and help us retell the ancient story. This is a creative and participatory presentation of the nativity.*

*Come and join the fun! Refreshments!*

**7:00 pm** **Traditional Candlelight Lessons and Carols**

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Recreation Office located at the Town Office, 59 Main Street, 866-2556, ext. 2  
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### Teen Nights at KACH

12/12, 1/23, 2/20 \* 7:00 PM-10:00 PM  
\* \$15 \* 6th-10th Grade.  
What teen doesn't enjoy all-you-can-eat pizza? Along with pizza, we will be serving up plenty of fun activities for older children. Each month will have a different theme.

### New Years Eve Parents' Night Out at KACH

December 31st \* 7:00 PM-2:30 AM \* \$50 \* K-5th Grade.  
Having a hard time finding a sitter for New Years? Register your child for our New Years Eve Parents' Night Out. Your child will enjoy our Rec New Years Eve party while you ring in the New Year. Snacks and activities will be provided to participants.

### Community Sledding Day at the Asa Adams Hill

Saturday, January 3rd \* 11:00 AM-3:00 PM, Free.  
Do you have the fastest sled in Orono? Find out at the Orono Parks & Rec Community Sledding Day. Bundle up and head to the hill behind Asa Adams for an afternoon of sled races and snowball fights!

### Community Skate Night, Orono Skate Rink

Friday, January 16th \* 6:00-8:00 PM  
\* Free  
Lace up your skates and join your neighbors for a night of skating. We will be providing the music, games, refreshments, and fun. You just need to dress warm and bring the skates! We will have races, skating contest, and other various activities.

### Father-Daughter Dance at Asa Adams School

Friday, February 13th \* 7:00-8:30 PM \* \$15.  
Make memories that will last a lifetime during this special semi-formal event for fathers and daughters of all ages. Enjoy dancing, photos, and decadent desserts. We didn't forget about the mothers and sons; we will be having a Mother-Son Brunch on Mother's Day!

### Valentine's Day Parents' Night Out at KACH

Saturday, February 14th \* 6:00 PM-12:00 AM \* \$40 \* K-5th Grade.  
Parents get to enjoy a night out and their kids get to enjoy a Valentine's Day party. Everyone wins! There will be food, games, and rec activities for your child to participate in.

### Toddler Tuesdays at KACH

Tuesdays in Jan, Feb, & Mar \* 10:30AM-1:00 PM. Come to the Keith Anderson Community House (KACH) every Tuesday for an open gym and a variety of different activities that parents and toddlers can do together. This program is designed for children in PreK or below.




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

**iPads & eReaders & Smart Phone, oh my!** Wednesday, December 10, 1:00 pm.

Jared Leadbetter, MSL, is bringing the latest in tablets and eReaders for attendees to “test drive” and has suggestions for apps for your handheld devices. For more information call 866-5060

**There’s an App for That!** Wednesday, January 28, 3-4 pm

Debbie White, ACTEM guru, will share apps for those smart devices you got for the holidays, or maybe already had.

Need help using a computer or your eReaders, accessing the web, setting up email or requesting a library item? Maybe we can help. Call to schedule an appointment. 866-5060

**Family Saturdays:** December 13th, Saturday, 10:30am. **Messy Holiday Art with Louise!** A little holiday glitter... you make the mess and I clean it up! Designed for pre-school to 2nd grade. Join us for these and other Family Saturday programs co-sponsored by Adult Ed. January and February plans to be announced.

**Events for T(w)eens:** December 11th, Thursday, 3:30pm. **Movie Afternoon with pizza and treats!** For 6th grade and up. Teen programs happen monthly (sometimes twice!). Check our website for upcoming winter activities.

**Library and Parks & Recreation events:** December 16th, Tuesday, 4-6pm, at the Keith Anderson Community House: **Holiday Party!** Gingerbread house making, special holiday guests, stories, crafts, games... and more! February 12th, Thursday, 7-8:30, at the Keith Anderson Community House: **Cake Auction!**

January 14th... **Chickadee Club for K-3rd graders starts up!** Sign up begins in December, look for more information on the website. Two 5-week sessions will be offered. The kids will be walked from Asa Adams School to the library after school on those Wednesdays. The program includes stories, crafts and games in honor of ten Chickadee Award nominated picture books.

**Watch for other programs weekly and monthly:** infant and toddler story times, pajama story times, Mantis Yoga with Holly, MSBA club meetings, Lego Club, and more! We work together with Friends of the Library, RSU 26 Adult & Community Education, and Orono Parks & Recreation. Many community volunteers support our programs with generous helping hands. Thank you, everyone!

For more information, call 866-5060 or email [louise@orono.org](mailto:louise@orono.org).



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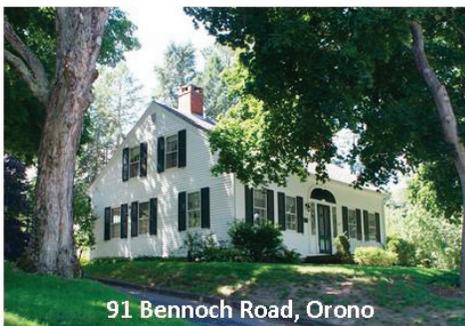
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Here are a few thoughts and reactions from seniors who have attended Gateway Senior activities.

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“Your classes are wonderful. I’ve learned a lot.” - *P.H. Orono*

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## WINTER HOURS AT LANDFILL

The Landfill is now open! During the months of December 2014 through March 2015, the Town of Orono Landfill will have limited hours of operation. The Landfill will be open to permit holders on **Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM** on the following dates:

**December 6, 20**  
**January 3, 17, 31**  
**February 14, 28**  
**March 15, 28**

The landfill will also be available to permit holders on Wednesdays by **appointment only** at no additional charge. Appointments can be made by contacting Rob Yerxa or Ken Beylerian Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM at 866-5062. Appointments will be taken at the discretion of the Public Works Department contingent on staffing levels and weather considerations.

Beginning April 4, 2015, the landfill will return to the standard hours of operation — every Wednesday and Saturday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. As always, the landfill is available to be opened on unscheduled days, by appointment only, for an additional charge.

## WINTER PARKING BAN IN EFFECT

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 mid+night 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.

## DOWNTOWN PUBLIC PARKING

Free downtown public parking is available from 6:00 am to 2:00 am every day in the municipal lots located behind the public safety building, on Pine Street, on Bennoch Road and on Birch Street. (No overnight parking is allowed.)

Overnight parking is available by permit in the municipal lot behind the public safety building by calling the Police Department at 866-4000.

## FARMERS' MARKET WINTER SCHEDULE

The Winter Farmers' Market is held in the Pine Street parking lot in downtown Orono from 9:00 am to noon.

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