



# Orono Observer

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## Meetings, Events, etc

### September:

- 7 Labor Day Holiday
- 12 Orono Festival Day
- 14 Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Council Chambers
- 16 Planning Board, 7:00 pm, Council Chambers

### October:

- 9 First-half property taxes due
- 12 Columbus Day Holiday
- 15 2016 Dog Licensing begins
- 19 Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Council Chambers
- 21 Planning Board, 7:00 pm, Council Chambers

### November:

- 2 Leaf/Brush Pickup Starts
- 3 Referendum Election
- 9 Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
- 11 Veterans Day Holiday
- 18 Planning Board, 7:00 pm, Council Chamber
- 19 Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner
- 26 Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- 27 Town Office closed

### December:

- 1 2016 Hunting/Fishing Licenses available for sale

## STATE REFERENDUM ELECTION



**TUES., NOV. 3RD**

Voting for the November 3, 2015 State Referendum Election will be held from 7am - 8pm in two locations.

- The polling location for Ward 1, Precincts 1 & 3 will be at the **Orono Middle School Gym** located on 14 Goodridge Drive.
- On-campus residents (Ward 1 Precinct 2) will vote at the **University of Maine Memorial Union** during the school session.

The Registrar of Voters will be available at the Town Office for the purpose of registering and enrolling new voters (continued on page 11)

## TOWN OFFICE CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

Now until the end of October 2015, the Front Desk of the Orono Town Office will be closed to the public on Wednesdays. With planned staff retirements and new hires coming on board, these Wednesdays will be used for staff training and technology upgrades. During this period Code Enforcement, Planning, Assessing, and Parks & Recreation will be available to the public on Wednesdays by appointment.

Residents can find lots of information about the Town and Town services as well as re-register motor vehicles, trailers, and boats online at [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org) and obtain hunting and fishing licenses online at [www.maine.gov](http://www.maine.gov). The Town Office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30AM - 4:30PM.

## ORONO FESTIVAL DAY, SEPT. 12TH

Festival Day is almost upon us! Join in on the fun starting with the Pancake Breakfast at the Public Safety Building, Fire Bay 7:30-9am, followed by the Pie in the Sky Road 5K and Fun Run at 9am, an Informational Fair from 10am - 1pm and Kidz Fest (sponsored by the Orono PTO) from 10am - 1pm at Asa Adam School parking lot.

Please visit [www.oronofestivalday.com](http://www.oronofestivalday.com), and share the information with your friends and family.

(More information on page 5)

## LEAF & BRUSH PICKUP

**November 2nd**

Residents are asked to have their leaves and brush curbside by **Monday, November 2nd**. Materials placed curbside after this date may not be picked up. Public Works will pick up leaves and brush Monday through Friday. Please help to make this process more efficient, Public Works may only have time to be in your neighborhood one time.

Requirements: Brush should not be larger than 6 inches in diameter and cut to lengths no shorter than 4 feet if possible. No small chunks of fire wood or construction material will be picked up. Please remember to put only leaves in bags. If bags contain other items they will not be picked up, please no trash and other debris.

Contact Public Works or the Town Office with any questions.

(More information on page 6)

## ORONO ENTREPRENEURS IN STATEWIDE COMPETITION

Congratulations to six Orono-based entrepreneurs who have made it to the semi-finals in the new "Greenlight Maine" competition – a weekly TV show with a prize of \$100,000.

Statewide there are 26 semi-finalists. Among the state's towns and cities, only Orono had as many as six who advanced to this stage (followed by Portland with five). Orono's six are:

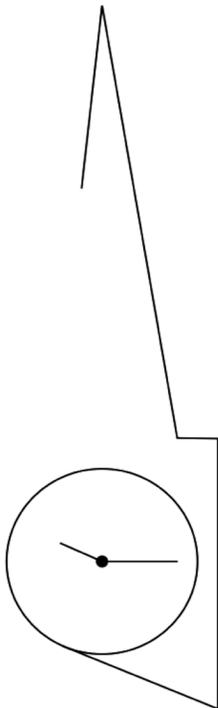
- **Cerahelix**, founded by Susan MacKay, located in the Target Technology Center. Cerahelix has patented a process that uses DNA to make a nano-ceramic coating to provide faster filtration of contaminated water at high purity.
- **CourseStorm**, co-founded by Matt James and Brian Rahill of RainStorm, located on Main Street. CourseStorm is education software for online course registration.
- **Double Blue Sports Analytics**, founded by Dan Kerluke, located in the Target Technology Center. Double Blue has developed advanced video software for instant analysis and coaching of performance in hockey games.
- **Eagre Games**, founded by Chuck Carter, located in the Target Technology Center. Eagre Games is developing non-violent, beautifully immersive, story-driven video games.
- **Revolution Research**, founded by Alexander Chasse and partner Nadir Yildirim, a graduate and a PhD student, respectively, of UMaine. Revolution Research, is developing an eco-friendly, water-resistant insulating foam board.
- **Zeomatrix**, led by Emma Wilson, located in the Target Technology Cen-

ter. Zeomatrix designs and manufactures odor-absorbing, zeolite-based composite materials for applications ranging from compost bags and kitty litter disposal to landfill covers.

Greenlight Maine will run as a weekly, 30-minute program on WCSH6 and WLZZ2, starting on Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays after "Bill Green's Maine."

## BLACK BEAR/ORONO EXPRESS REVISED SCHEDULE

Service on the Black Bear Orono Express is FREE for all riders (regardless of whether a UMaine ID card is shown or not). The shuttle service resumes August 31, 2015. Visit <http://umaine.edu/shuttle> for the 2015-16 schedule.



## The Church of Universal Fellowship

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**SUNDAYS:** 9:00 am **Choir Practice**  
10:15 am **Morning Worship**  
**Nursery Care**  
**Sunday School ~ Gr. K-5**  
**Young Adults With Pizzazz! ~ Gr. 6-12**

*"Y.A.W.P." is our community service group for young people  
which meets at the same time as Sunday School  
and occasionally leads worship for the congregation*

### All Saints Day Remembrance Service

**Sunday, November 1st 7 pm**

Please call or email or visit our website for more information  
**866-3655 cufoffice@icloud.com 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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ORONO PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

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

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

This fall, a number of different programs will be offered during the after school hours. They will vary in length and number of days per week. Please sign up early as some programs have minimum numbers necessary to run.

Below is a list of some of the programs that will be offered:

- UMaine Rec Fit Kids – Zumba
- UMaine Rec Fit Kids – Yoga
- UMaine Rec Sports – Junior Rugby
- UMaine Rec Sports – Floor Hockey
- Franco-American – French Program
- Garden Club
- Karate
- Public Library – Caldecott Club (K-2)
- Public Library - Chickadee Club (K-2)
- Starwalk Stables – Riding Club
- Mary Drew School of Dance
- Ginger Bread House Program

Visit [www.oronorec.com](http://www.oronorec.com) for more information and to register.

ORONO COMMUNITY THEATRE AUDITIONS

Auditions for *The Miracle Worker* will be held on Sunday, October 18th at 2pm and on Monday, October 19th at 6pm at the Keith Anderson Community House.

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.oronorec.com](http://www.oronorec.com) for more information and to register.



FLAG FOOTBALL

This non-contact program will teach boys and girls the fundamental skills necessary to play football in a fun safe environment. Go to [www.oronorec.com](http://www.oronorec.com) for more information and to register.

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. Go to [www.oronorec.com](http://www.oronorec.com) for more information and to register.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

Parks and Recreation is now on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/oronopark-sandrec](http://www.facebook.com/oronopark-sandrec). Check often for information about our programming.

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Annual End of Summer Sale  
Sept 18 - 20, 10am - 6pm

## 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.

### Monthly Happenings at the Library on Wednesdays at 1 PM

**1st Weds: Meet ME @ the Library-** a program of Maine people, places and ideas.

**2nd Weds: Wired-up Wednesdays-** Programs of using library technology opportunities.

**3rd Weds: Book Club-** open to everyone.

**4th Weds: Wild Card Wednesdays-** card and board game camaraderie and fun.

For more information, check the library's public calendar and Adult Program page for specific topics and titles.

Call to schedule Free help with your computers, laptops, tablets and smart devices. No problem too small to seek a solution.

### Fall Children's Programs

**Story Times** for preschool children will meet weekly at the library; check our website for final schedule.

**Tabletop Gaming for Teens** will meet Wednesdays from 3-6 pm in the community room beginning on 9/2.

**Discover award winning books at one of our book clubs this fall!**

We will be holding a 6 week session of **Caldecott Book Club** on Thursdays at 3:30 for children in grades K-2 beginning on 9/10.

That will be followed by a 6 week session of **Chickadee Club** for the same age group.

Our **Maine Student Book Award Club** for 4th-8th graders will meet once a month on Tuesdays at 3:30 beginning on 9/22.

We will also have a **3rd Grade Book Club** once a month on Tuesdays at 3:30 beginning on 10/13.

Enrollment is limited for all of the book groups; sign up with [louise@orono.org](mailto:louise@orono.org) and check our website for more details.

### Book Groups for Adults

**The Tuesday Readers** meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 10 am and **The Thoughtful Readers** meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 1pm. Each group enjoys titles selected by members.

**The Evening Book Group** will participate in a Let's Talk About It series sponsored by the Maine Humanities Council. "The American Sporting Experience" will be facilitated by local writer, Annaliese Jakamides. Meeting dates, times and location TBA.

Please contact the library for current titles being read by each group. All book discussion groups are sponsored by the Library Friends, and meet in the Community Room of the Library, 39 Pine Street. They are open to all and participants from surrounding communities are most welcome. Call the library at 866-5060 or visit our website for additional information.

### NEW! The OPL Corporate Card

Non-resident individuals who work for a business located in Orono or the University of Maine can now purchase an annual library card for just \$10! (\$20 savings). Please visit the library to register for a card.

### Foreign Language Conversation Group

The library currently hosts a weekly Spanish conversation group on Wednesdays at 11am. All levels of ability are welcome!

We are looking for volunteers to lead groups for other languages. If you are fluent or simply have an interest in helping coordinate a conversational group, please contact Laurie Carpenter: 866-5060 or [laurie@orono.org](mailto:laurie@orono.org).



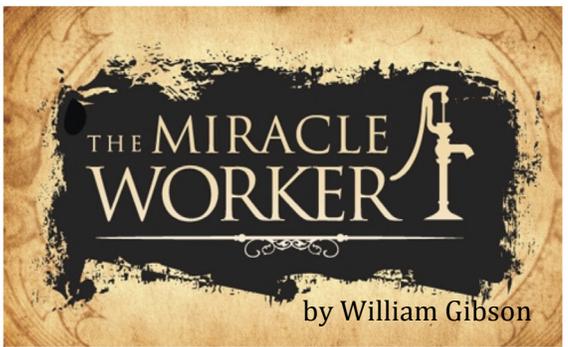
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ORONO COMMUNITY THEATRE AUDITIONS



by William Gibson

Sunday, Oct. 18 at 2pm & Monday, Oct. 19 at 6pm  
Callbacks: Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 6pm  
KEITH ANDERSON COMMUNITY HOUSE

**ORONO FESTIVAL DAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH**

**Pie in the Sky 5K & Fun Run**

Join your friends and neighbors for the 7th Annual Pie in the Sky on Orono Festival Day, September 12th, 2015, rain or shine. Registration begins at 7:30am; the 1 Mile Fun Run begins at 9:00 am and the 5K begins at 9:45 am.

Early Bird Registration is open until September 10, 2015. Early Bird: \$12.00 per individual or \$30.00 per family. Race Day: \$15.00 per individual or \$35.00 per family. Students: \$10 with student ID.

The 5K course begins behind the Town Office/Public Safety Building and loops through downtown Orono. Winners in the following categories receive pies as their award: 1st Male/Female finishers, 13 & under, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70+.

The 1-mile Fun Run begins and ends behind the Town Office/Public Safety

Building and stays on quiet Westwood Drive. Show the most fun at the Fun Run and earn a pie! 1st Male/Female, 13 & under also win a pie. For race entry forms and information, contact Cassandra Babbitt at 866-2852, email: ckbabbitt@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/PieintheSkyRace or go to www.oronofestivalday.com.

**Collectibles & More Sale**

Saturday, September 12th from 10am - 3pm at the Keith Anderson Community House, Bennoch Road. New and used items. Sponsored by the Orono Historical Society. For more information, call 866-2597.

**Farmers' Market**

Saturday, September 12th, 8am - noon at the University of Maine Steam Plant parking lot, off College Avenue.

**SENIOR CITIZEN THANKSGIVING DINNER**

The Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner will be held **Thursday, November 19th, 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.

**ADVERTISE IN THE ORONO OBSERVER**

Contact Nancy Ward at 866-2556, ext. 8 to reserve space for your ad in the Dec 2015/Jan/Feb 2016 *Orono Observer Winter Issue*. Ads are \$90.00 per quarter page (3 3/4" by 4 3/4") with other sizes and prices available. Ads must be submitted as pdfs.

**St. James' Episcopal Church**

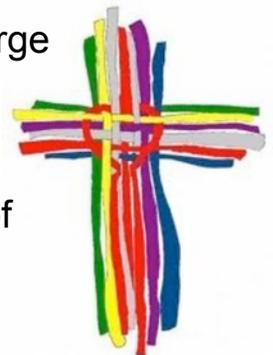
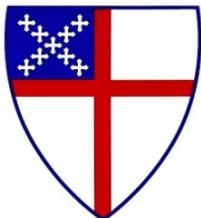
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Join us on **Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** for the Blessing of the Animals - All Peoples and their Pets welcome.

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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.



## ORONO'S NEW DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

This new position also serves as the supervisor for the Planning Office and the Code Enforcement Office. I look forward to working with these professionals as we create a team to make the permitting process seamless and user friendly. I encourage any citizen and/or business owner to drop by the town office and say hello or drop me a note at [dmilan@orono.org](mailto:dmilan@orono.org) and I'll schedule a time to come to you.

I am very excited about the future for the Town of Orono. It is a fabulous place to raise a family, to operate a business and to stimulate the entrepreneurial juices to flow.

If you need help with your business plan, your financial plan, employee training, site selection needs or any other business challenge, Orono's Economic Development Team is ready to assist you.

My name is Dave Milan and I became Orono's Economic Development Director this summer. The position was created in order to assist folks with any challenges they may face as they consider starting, maintaining or expanding a business here in Orono. Previously, I served the Town of Bucksport as their Economic Development Director for 14 years; prior to that I retired as the Deputy Chief of Police in Bucksport after a 26 year career. These two different careers have prepared me very well as a problem solver.

## 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.

## LEAVES AND BRUSH ACCEPTED AT THE LANDFILL

The Town of Orono now accepts leaves and brush at the landfill at no charge. Residents must have a free permit to 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.

Ready to have fun? Yes  Yes

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**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.

**GATEWAY SENIORS WITHOUT WALLS**

Gateway Seniors Without Walls is an affiliate of the Center on Aging, University of Maine, and a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization. We are staffed by volunteers and serve Orono, Old Town, Veazie, and surroundings. We welcome everyone. We have two objectives: (1) to sponsor daily, diverse, and meaningful activities; and (2) to publicize community services for seniors. We use town spaces that are free of charge, enabling us to minimize fees of all kinds. Many of our activities are free of charge; only a few have costs. Here are a few highlights of our September, October, and November 2015 schedules:

- Fashion Show, with 40% discount
- Learn to Make Beautiful Greeting Cards
- Maine Wild Turkeys, a Wildlife Re-Introduction Success Story
- Wine Tasting Tour—Cellar Door Winery

If you call us at 889-3031 or email us at [GatewaySeniorsWithoutWalls@roadrunner.com](mailto:GatewaySeniorsWithoutWalls@roadrunner.com) or contact us through our website under Events or Calendar, [www.GatewaySeniorsWithoutWalls.org](http://www.GatewaySeniorsWithoutWalls.org) we will send out our monthly schedule.

Schedules are also available at libraries and in town offices.

- Yarn Social
- Panel on Community Resources for Caregivers of Dementia Patients, co-sponsored by EAAA and Old Town Public Library
- Musicals on Film: Camelot
- What's for Dinner?

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS Ends Sunday, Nov. 1st**

Remember to replace your smoke detector batteries when you change the clock for November 1st.

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*We are currently accepting donations.*

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## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Over the last several months, the Orono Town Council has been hard at work reviewing the draft Comprehensive Plan which was created as the result of a tremendous effort by the volunteer Comprehensive Plan Committee. The Council is in the final stages of revising the document and is tentatively planning to hold the public hearing on the Plan at the October 19, 2015 Council Meeting. Council strongly encourages all residents to attend this meeting, which starts at 7PM in Council Chambers, to learn more about the Plan and provide feedback before Council adopts the Plan the following month. Input from the community is critical as the Council works through the process of adopting and implementing the Plan. The current draft Comprehensive Plan is available at [http://planning.orono.org/comprehensive\\_plan\\_update](http://planning.orono.org/comprehensive_plan_update).

## A WORD OF THANKS

Have you noticed how beautiful our community is looking? Believe it or not, it is not easy to look this good. Town staff in the Public Works Department worked tirelessly through the spring and summer to clean up brush and spruce up the roadside. We have beautiful, smooth new roads that make our trips more pleasant courtesy of a partnership between MaineDOT, Orono-Veazie Water District and Orono Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF). As we make our way through town, folks really enjoy the beautiful flower beds that were planted and maintained by very industrious volunteers. The work of Orono's very capable and dedicated Beautification Committee is greatly appreciated!

Thanks go out to all who were involved with making Orono look great.

## WHY SHOP LOCAL?

For every \$100 spent at a big box store, researchers discovered, that retailer puts about \$14 back into the local economy. On the flip side, spending \$100 at a locally-owned business pumps \$45 back into the local economy.

The conclusion?

If you want to help the local economy, you've got to be loyal – shop local, buy local and eat local.

Orono is unlike any other community in the state. By choosing to support locally-owned businesses, you help maintain Orono's diversity and distinctive flavor.

We realize it is not always possible to buy what you need locally and so we merely ask that you ... Think Local FIRST!



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12 Gardner Road, Orono | \$145,000 | #1232359

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**POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS**

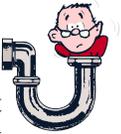


The Orono Police Department wants to remind people that:

- 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.

**NOTES FROM THE WPCF**



By the time you read this the Island Avenue project will be finished. That was a combined project, replacing water, sewer, storm water and pavement. The work was paid for by the Orono-Veazie Water District, Orono WPCF and Orono Public Works. The project was completed on time and within budget, and really looks great.

The project to raise manholes along both sides of the Stillwater River is scheduled to begin in August. The focus of this project is to raise 24 manholes so they are not under water when the river floods in the Spring. The covers we currently have were installed in 1967- 68 and are no longer waterproof. The Sargent Corporation is going to raise these manholes and install new waterproof rings and covers. This project is part of the WPCF's CSO (combined sewer overflow) Master plan proposed by the WPCF and approved by the DEP.

This month WPCF staff will be working to keep our cross country right of ways open and inspect the sewers. We plan to use the Public Works Bobcat and a bush hog to keep them clear. This is mandated by Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

We will also be working to finish cleaning the sewers scheduled for this year. The MaineDOT paving project has caused us to adjust our schedule and may delay work on some areas.



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## REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 26

## ASA C. ADAMS SCHOOL - ORONO MIDDLE SCHOOL - ORONO HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Members of the Orono Community,

What gorgeous weather we have had in Maine this summer! We are so fortunate to have so many seasonal markers to remind us of nature's unfailing cycle of growth and renewal. As the school year begins I hope your children are making a smooth transition back and that they are looking forward—full of hope—to the many opportunities and milestones the new year promises.

Our 2015-2016 school calendar is on our website at [www.rsu26.org](http://www.rsu26.org) under the Home tab. Graduation is tentatively set for June 5th, 2016. Please note that if we have more than 2 or 3 storm cancellations we will need to shift graduation to June 12th, 2016. State law requires seniors to attend school for 170 instructional days.

Please also note the individual Calendars of School Events for Asa Adams, Orono Middle, and Orono High Schools under the same Home Tab. These calendars list activities, sporting events, and other important school occasions.

Kathy Kittridge, our Director of Food Services, wanted me to convey that our kitchen staff will be implementing new menus and recipes, adding more variety, working on improving food quality, introducing locally grown items and are hoping to have some special events.

For added convenience parents can now add funds electronically to student accounts to pay for breakfast and lunch. Parents will be able to see what their children are purchasing and will be alerted when the lunch account funds get low. To add funds parents should go to Myschoolbucks.com, create

an account, enter your child's student ID number and add funds.

Menus will be posted on the RSU 26 website prior to the beginning of the school year. This year the breakfast prices will be \$1.10 for all schools and lunch will be \$2.25 for Asa C. Adams and \$2.50 for the Orono Middle and High Schools.

I would like to strongly encourage parents to fill out the Application for Free and Reduced Lunches even if you feel that you may not qualify for Free and Reduced meals. The federal government uses our school's Free and Reduced lunch count to determine the amount of Title I funds we receive. The higher the Free and Reduced number is for our district the more money we receive. These federal funds help defray the Orono School budget and the costs to the Orono taxpayers. This program is confidential and if you need any assistance filling out the application please contact Kathy Kittridge at [kkittridge@rsu26.org](mailto:kkittridge@rsu26.org)

Best wishes to all of our families for a wonderful school year and please feel free to let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached by email at [jharriman@rsu26.org](mailto:jharriman@rsu26.org) or by phone at 866-7110.

Sincerely,

Joanne C. Harriman, Ed. D.  
RSU#26 Superintendent

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## STATE REFERENDUM ELECTION, NOVEMBER 3, 2015

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on: October 26, 27, 28, 29 and November 2 from 8:30am – 4:30 pm. On Election day, registration of voters will take place at the polls. Voters must provide proof of identification and residency listing an Orono street address when registering to vote.

Absentee ballots may be requested in person, in writing, or by phone until Thursday, October 29th at 5PM from the Town Office. Voters may vote absentee at the Town Office during regular business hours on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM beginning October 5, 2015.

Special Circumstance Absentee Ballot Applications will be available beginning Friday, October 30th at 8:30AM from the Town Clerk for those residents who meet the criteria. For specific election questions: Please contact Town Clerk, Shelly Crosby. General information is available at [www.orono.org](http://www.orono.org).

### RSU#26 WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION

Check out the RSU#26 website at [www.rsu26.org](http://www.rsu26.org) for the 2015-2016 RSU#26 School Calendar, Calendar of Events (Sports), curriculum instruction assessment, Asa Adams School, Orono Middle and High School information, and more.

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**Public Works:** 866-5062  
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**Recreation:** 866-5065  
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Monday-Friday

**Library:** 866-5060  
Sunday - Closed  
Tues. & Thurs. - 10 AM - 7 PM  
Mon., Wed. & Fri. - 10 AM - 5 PM  
Sat. - 10 AM - 2 PM

**Disposal Area (Landfill):**  
Wed. & Sat. - 8 AM - 4 PM  
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Election Day, Nov 3