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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: check orono.org news & events/calendar

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

Capital Budget Public Hearing
Monday, April 11, 7PM

2016 PRESIDENTIAL CAUCUSES TO BE HELD REGIONALLY FOR BOTH POLITICAL PARTIES

The Republican Caucus will be held on Saturday, March 5th beginning at 2:00PM at Husson College (Peabody Room) located in Bangor.

The Democratic Caucus will be held on Sunday, March 6th (registration at 1PM) beginning at 2PM at University of Maine, DP Corbett, Room 100 (near the Memorial Union).

Unenrolled voters can enroll in a political party the day of the caucus. Municipal Clerks/Registrars will be available for at least one hour before the start of voting/business to register and enroll new voters and for at least 30 minutes following the start of the meeting. Voters must provide proof of identification and residency listing an Orono street address when registering to vote.



MUNICIPAL ELECTION TUES, MARCH 8

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 three (3) candidates running for two Town Council seats and two (2) candidates running for one RSU26 seat. The Town Council candidates are: Daniel LaPointe, Clint Relyea and Thomas Spitz. The RSU26 candidates are: Frances Mary Neubauer and Michelle Smith. Registered Voters will also consider one ballot question regarding when RSU No. 26 School Board members take their seat after being elected.

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.

The Registrar of Voters is available at the Orono Town Office to register and enroll new voters for the March 8, 2016 Municipal Election from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday and on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

STREAM CLEAN UP MAY 21ST

The Annual Stream Clean-up Event will be held Saturday, May 21st starting at 9:00 am. Read more in the insert.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Town Office front desk will be closed on Tuesday, April 12th for mandatory State training.

FREE LANDFILL DROP OFF DAYS

May 20, 21 & 22, 2016
November 4, 5 & 6, 2016

The landfill, located on Taylor Road off Outer Forest Avenue, will be open **FREE OF CHARGE** to Orono residents.

In response to public input, free landfill drop-off days has been changed. There will now be two opportunities to make use of the landfill at no charge. The first weekend will be May 20, 21 and 22, 2016. The second weekend will be November 4, 5 and 6, 2016. The hours will be 8am-4pm.

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BAGGED LEAVES & BRUSH PICKED UP CURBSIDE

May 10 – May 27, 2016

The Town of Orono will begin picking up bagged leaves and brush on Tuesday, May 10 through Friday, May 27, 2016.

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. **Piles must be limited** to one per parcel and not larger than 6 feet x 12 feet.

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.

TOWN FY2016-17 BUDGET

The Town is in the process of developing the budget for FY2016-2017. 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, residents will have the opportunity to review the budget at the Town Office.

The following is a list of meetings on the proposed FY16-17 budget, all to be held in the Council Chambers:

- Public Hearing on the Capital Budget: April 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm.
- Council Budget Workshops will be held the weeks of May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.
- Public Hearing on the Budget: June 13, 2016 at 7:00 pm and Budget Adoption: June 27, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Meetings will be listed on Cable Channel 7 and on our website at www.orono.org under "News and Events/Agendas".

FLUSHING OF WATER LINES

The Orono-Veazie Water District will begin its Hydrant Flushing program around the second week of May. Because the operations may cause some disturbance in the water system, Water District Trustees ask for the patience and understanding of their customers.

To keep you informed, temporary signs will be placed in the neighborhood the day before flushing begins. If you have any questions or want to know when they plan to be in your neighborhood, please call the Orono-Veazie Water District at 207-866-4449.

Sometime in March or April the District will have a meeting about the Master Plan/Hydraulic Study with both Orono and Veazie Town Councils. The public will be welcome to attend.

For more information about Hydrant Flushing and when the meeting will take place, please visit ovwd.org.

INTERESTED IN WORKING AT THE POLLS?

In an effort to increase the call list of trained Election staff for the upcoming 2016 Primary and Presidential Elections, our office is soliciting all persons who have an interest in working during the 2016 Election season. This is a great time to get out, see the community in action and be connected to democracy!

Qualifications include being at least 17 years of age, US Citizen, registered voter of Orono and enrolled in one of the major parties. These are paid positions and training is included!

Please call the Town Office, Monday-Friday at 866-2556 to apply!



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, March 24, 6:00 pm

Shared Supper and Worship

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, March 25, 7:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY March 27, 2016

Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 am

The Penobscot Valley Country Club with The Orono United Methodist Church
Easter Breakfast this year will be at The Orono United Methodist Church

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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ORONO PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

Check out our programs online at oronorec.com

LEARN TO SKATE

The Learn to Skate Program is designed for children 4 years old and up and is suitable for all levels from the very beginner (never skated) to the skater. The program offers six 1-hour lessons: March 7, 9, 14 and 16, 5-6pm, March 21, 4:30-5:30 and March 23, 5:30 -6:30pm. The cost is \$60 for residents and \$75 for non residents.

GARDENING AND COOKING CLUB

Children participating in this club will learn how to plant their own vegetables and how to cook healthy meals and snacks. The Gardening and Cooking Club will be run in 7 week sessions. Students enrolled in Asa Adams will be bused to the program. The program runs from Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:00-5:30pm. Pickup will be at the Senior Center from 5:30-6:00pm. Due to the nature of this program and to maintain a safe environment this program is limited to 10 participants.

Session 3: March 1st - April 14th, \$175 (Tues & Thurs), \$105 (Tues or Thurs)

Session 4: April 26th - June 9th, \$175 (Tues & Thurs), \$105 (Tues or Thurs)

ORONO COMMUNITY MARTIAL ARTS

The martial arts are lifestyle activities that can be enjoyed from young ages through adulthood. However, the way we practice and learn changes over time, so our youth program is specifically designed to engage young learners.

The skills and exercises your child will learn are based in traditional karate and take advantage of children's need to move, tumble, run and have fun. As your child progresses, you will see a continual refinement of his or her technique and the introduction of new skills at appropriate times. Our goal is teach traditional martial arts in a fun and developmentally appropriate format.

For more information visit: <http://oronokarate.weebly.com>. Cost: \$85 per 11-week session.

March 23rd – June 1st (Wednesdays) Orono Youth Martial Arts – Grades K-2 (3:30-4:30pm) and Grades 3-5 -(4:30-5:30pm).

March 21st – May 30th (Mondays) Orono Middle School Martial Arts – Grades 6-8 (6:30-7:30pm) and Orono Adult Martial Arts (6:30-7:30pm).

STARWALK STABLES – HORSE BACK RIDING

Children's horse riding lessons have to blend fun, safety, challenge and accomplishment for the younger riders. At Starwalk Stables their proficiency and knowledge will grow as does their confidence love of riding! Children will learn riding skills, as well as care for their horses and grow in their appreciation of working with animals. Students enrolled at Asa Adams School will be transported from school to the stables. Pickup will be at Starwalk Stables at 437 Main St, Orono, from 5:00pm- 5:30pm. Dates and Times: TBA (Check oronorec.com)

For more information on upcoming programs like RAD-O April Vacation camp, T-ball and summer programs please visit us at oronorec.com.

**ADVERTISE
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Contact Nancy Ward at 866-2556, ext. 8 or at nancyw@oronorec.com for information or to reserve space in the next *Orono Observer*. Ads are \$90 per quarter page (3 3/4" by 4 3/4") with other sizes and prices available. Pdf files preferred.

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

Conversational Spanish: Tuesdays @ 11am. Open to all ages & speaking levels.

Computer and Tech Help: 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 a FREE appointment: 866-5060.

Income Tax Services: University of Maine Professor Martha Broderick and business students will be helping people file their taxes this season: Friday afternoons and some Saturdays. To make an appointment, email marthab@maine.edu.

If you enjoy the opera, then you'll love our **Opera Group!** The group meets in our community room to discuss & watch short clips of the upcoming opera at 5:30pm: March 31, April 28 and May 5.

March 2- Meet ME @ 1:00 **Out of the Archives – Orono's Past Unlocked** with Desiree Butterfield-Nagy and the Orono Historical Society. Come help identify scenes from historic photos and pinpoint locations using several historic maps of Orono, UMaine and the original plans for Webster Park.

March 9- Wired Wednesday @ 1:00 - **Firefighting -Then and Now-** Henry Vaughn, Orono firefighter will share how technology has affected the history of firefighting, especially in Orono.

March 23- Happening @ the Library 1-3 p.m. **Six Feet Under: Funeral Choices** - EVERYONE should figure out what they want to have happen to their body after they die. Take a look at www.lastthings.net to see what you'll learn.

March 24- **Foreign Film Series**, 6:30 p.m. Call for film titles.

April 6 - Meet ME @ the library at 1:00 - **Local Authors Share...** Orono Public Library's Fall Writing Group will share their creative talents.

Join us on April 9th, 7-10 p.m. for a **Mystery Party** – please visit our web site for additional information and contact the library to register: 866-5060.

April 13 – Wired Wednesday @ 1:00 – **Maine Robotics-** Maine Robotics was created in 2004 to meet the growing needs of the educational-robotics community in Maine. Come find out what goes on behind the doors on Main Street.

May 4- Meet ME @ the library at 1:00 p.m. – **Local author, Sarah Smiley.**

May 11 – Wired Wednesday @ 1:00 p.m.- **HELP!?** – Drop-in for assistance for your smart devices, laptops or computers. We might not have all the answers, but we are willing to try to find the answers with you.



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MORE LIBRARY NEWS

April 9, 11am - **How Do Colleges Really Choose Students?** An Inside Look at the College Admissions Process.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Join us for four special Family Saturdays ~ **Messy Art!** on February 27, 10:30am; **Alice in Wonderland** at KACH on March 19, 3pm; **French for Kids by Kids** on April 9, time TBA; and **Insect Adventures** on May 7, 10-12pm.

Continuing programs include: Infant and Toddler Story Times, Chickadee Club, 3rd Grade Reading Club, MSBA, the Reader of the Pack, and a new six week session of Explore Engineering! hosted by UMaine 4-H STEM Ambassadors. Please go to our website: library.orono.org to see specific times, dates, and how to sign up.

For more information, call 866-5060 or email louise@orono.org.

POLICE DEPARTMENT GOOD MORNING PROJECT

The Orono Police Department is pleased to sponsor the “Good Morning Project” program. This program is designed to assist Orono senior citizens or adults with disabilities living alone in the community. The goal is to assist these people so that they can continue living an independent lifestyle. “Good Morning Project” will aid in eliminating many concerns families may have about loved ones that live alone. The program provides the security of knowing that the family member will have a source of daily contact. This program is free.

Upon completing an application and upon its approval, a police officer from the Orono Police Department will call daily, between 8 AM and 10 AM, to say “good morning”. If contact cannot be made by telephone, a police officer will check on the welfare of the participant.

Any Orono residents may be eligible for this program if they are a senior citizen who is 60 or older and are living alone or an adult with a disability living alone.

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PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The Asa Adams School will hold Pre-K & Kindergarten registration on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 from 3:15 p.m.- 6:15 p.m. Registration for the 2016-2017 school year for Pre-K and Kindergarten will be by appointment only. Appointments may be made by calling the Asa Adams School at 866-2151 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Children eligible for Pre-Kindergarten must be 4 years of age on or before October 15, 2016. Enrollment will be limited and students will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. There will be a morning and afternoon session lasting approximately 2-1/2 hours each.

Children eligible for Kindergarten must be 5 years of age on or before October 15, 2016. Kindergarten is a full day program.

A legal birth certificate, immunization record and 2 forms of residency verification are necessary in completing the registration forms. It is not necessary for parents to bring their children to the registration. Screening and parent orientation will be held later.



FAMILY SPRING BALL APRIL 9TH

The Asa Adams PTO and Orono Recreational Department invite you to join us at the Keith Anderson Community Center on April 9, 2016 at 6PM for a night of dancing and fun.

This is a semi-formal family event. Advance tickets: \$20/family or \$5/person. Tickets at the door: \$25/family or \$7/person. For tickets or additional information email chuckrates@gmail.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT RSU 26 SCHOOLS IN ORONO?

The answer is: There is a lot going on in our schools every day! Our students are super busy in their studies and in their extra- and co-curricular activities. There is so much going on, in fact, that it is hard to keep track of it all! To help, we have created a number of calendar and social media tools that can get the word out and help you stay informed about Orono schools.

Each school has a Calendar of Events that is posted on our website at <http://www.rsu26.org/calendar-of-school-events/>. Please be sure to check it out, bookmark it, and subscribe to it in your own Google calendar.

RSU 26 Orono, ME is on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/rsu26>. Orono High School is on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/RedRiots>. "Like" and our posts will show up in your Facebook feed.

Our Superintendent of Schools is on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/rsu26supt>. Orono High School is on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/OronoHighSchool>. Follow" us and our tweets will help you stay connected.

For those of you who do not "Surf," "Post," or "Tweet" give us a call at 866-7110 for information.

RSU#26 BUDGET HEARING MAY 17

The RSU#26 Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 6:00pm in the Orono Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 59 Main Street.

SPRING AHEAD

Daylight Savings begins on **Sunday, March 13, 2016**. Replace the batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks.



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GATEWAY SENIORS

Gateway Seniors Without Walls, an affiliate of the Center on Aging, University of Maine, welcomes everybody to our activities. We schedule meaningful, diverse, and daily activities in Orono, Old Town, and Veazie. There are no membership fees; activities are free of charge unless there are costs (lunch, tickets, University of Maine activities, and the like). We also publicize and extend services for seniors in the communities we serve.

The roughly 90 activities that will occur in March, April, and May 2016 include:

- Fitness, Senior Yoga, and Meditation
- Knitting social group
- Bridge, scrabble
- Painting and painting instruction
- Music
- Tours and talks by a dietitian

- Restaurant outings
- Movies
- Group visits to the Penobscot Theater, Opera, Symphony, and School of Performing Arts
- Wine tasting

For a copy of our Activity Schedule, which appears every month in the Penobscot Times, or to volunteer to help us out, call Gateway Seniors (207)889-3031 or email us at gatewayseiniorswithoutwalls@roadrunner.com.

SEWER BILL QUESTIONS

Residents who have questions about their sewer bills should call the Town Office at 866-2556, ext 1, not the Wastewater Pollution Control Facility.

ORONO ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION SPRING 2016 PROGRAMS

- High School Diploma/HiSET Preparation
- English as a Second Language
- Adult Basic Literacy Tutoring
- Family Literacy Programs
- Personal Enrichment Classes
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BIG GIG FINALE SET FOR APRIL 13

Big Gig – the Bangor Region’s entrepreneur networking and pitch event started by the Orono Economic Development Corp., City of Old Town, University of Maine, and Husson University four years ago – has its 2015-16 finalists:

Lobster Rx – winner of the season’s first event in October in Orono

Dad’s Approval – winner of the second event in December in Old Town

The Amp Lab – winner of the third event in February at Husson University

These are three promising start-ups. The season’s finale will be Wednesday, April 13, 5:30 pm., at the Foster Center for Student Innovation at UMaine. They will be vying for the grand prize of \$1,500, provided by the University Credit Union.

The audience, along with the panel of “Big Wigs,” will determine the finale winner. We predict a tough choice. You are invited to be part of it! Just register

at www.biggig.org – the event, including delicious snacks, is free.

A bit about the three finalists:

Lobster Rx discovered unique biological properties in lobster hemolymph (a fluid in invertebrates such as lobsters) that make it “a totally new and highly effective healing skin cream.” The hemolymph is a throw-away item at lobster processing plants and thus the unexpected raw material for a value added product from Maine’s iconic seafood. The company’s team is Cathy Billings, Dr. Bob Bayer, and Matthew Hodgkins.

Dad’s Approval is a YouTube channel with video-fame reviews and play-session recordings that aim to provide families with entertainment and help them select suitable games for their children – with Dad’s approval! The company’s principal is Stephen Wong.

The Amp Lab has developed a prototype of a small, but powerful, lithium

battery for the car-audio market. It was inspired by partners Ethan Poissonnier and Troy Dionne’s own participation in car audio competitions but could have other applications – such as towing or emergency vehicles – where a rapid, powerful discharge of energy is needed. They are looking to manufacture an initial batch of 20 batteries.

Big Gig is made possible with the sponsorships of Eaton Peabody, OEDC and Blackstone Accelerates Growth, as well as the prize money provided by UCU.

Great thanks go to this year’s “Big Rigs” – experienced entrepreneurs who have successfully pitched their own businesses to investors and financiers and shared their tips with the Big Gig audience. The Big Rigs were: Todd O’Brien of O’Brien Medical (Orono), Heidi Neal of Loyal Biscuit (Rockland), and Brian Rahill and Matt James of RainStorm and CourseStorm (Orono).

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LANDFILL DROP OFF

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Proof of residency or property ownership is **required**.

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 these events 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.

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.

LANDFILL REGULAR HOURS - APRIL 6TH

Beginning April 6, 2016, the landfill will return to the standard hours of operation - every Wednesday & Saturday from 8:00am-4:00pm.

ORONO 20 YEARS AS TREE CITY USA



Orono will be hosting the State's Arbor Day Awards Celebration on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the Keith Anderson Community House.

The Town of Orono has achieved the honor of a Tree City USA for 20 years with the Orono Tree Board annually completing necessary requirements for this award. Various towns and cities in Maine will be in attendance to receive awards and recognition.

You are welcome to join our celebration on Tuesday, May 17th!

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Recycling schedule magnets and container stickers are available free at the town office.

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PUBLIC RECREATIONAL SPACES TO ENJOY

Orono Land Trust (OLT) and the Town of Orono (Town) have worked together for 30 plus years to protect special green places throughout the town for residents to enjoy. The goal continues to be to provide such places for residents within walking distances of their homes. These places are sought for recreational and educational opportunities such as to observe flowering plants, birds, mammals, amphibians and insects. Some OLT/Town lands provide access to water for swimming and boating, but most lands contain recreational trails for hiking, biking, dog walking, horseback riding, skiing and snowshoeing which promote exercise, health, and well being. To prevent damage to trails and promote exercise, no motorized vehicles are permitted on OLT/Town lands.

Town-owned properties include the Jeremiah Colburn Area (off Forest Ave), Sklar Park (end of Mainewood or Gilbert St), Brownies Park (Bennoch Rd with river access), Webster Park (N. Main

Ave), Nadeau-Savoy Park (Essex St) and land behind OHS football field.

The Orono Land Trust owns or has easements on Piney Knoll Conservation Area (end of Colburn Dr. and Penobscot St. with water access), Cota land (Forest Ave), Caribou Bog Conservation Area (ponds, bog, woods - Putnam Rd off Taylor Rd), Gould's Landing (Essex St), Penobscot River (water access Penobscot St), Brent Halsey Outdoor Classroom (Park St), Davis Conservation Easement (Gardner Rd), Rampe Conservation Easement (off Forest and beside OHS), Frog Pond (Shadbush Dr) and the Orono Bog Boardwalk (administered by UMaine, City of Bangor, OLT) – Bangor City Forest. Many private landowners are extremely generous to allow trails to cross their properties so make sure to thank these private landowners when you see them.

Many of these properties have interesting historical backgrounds reflected

in the presence of old cellar foundations, remnants of lumber mills, and remnants of railroads, such as near the River Trail along the Stillwater River. Some of these properties (e.g., Frog Pond, OHS) contain vernal pools that produce a variety of amphibians each spring. The forested lands are diverse, ranging from old-field grown white pine to mixed conifer/hardwoods of various age classes that are attractive to many species of birds and mammals. Along the recently improved trail that crosses the Cota land one can find a large number of different tree species native to Maine. Fields are mowed on some land parcels to maintain certain bird species (e.g., bobolink, Savannah sparrow) and plants (e.g., Orono sedge). Many different interesting plants abound on Town and OLT lands, including the Lady Slipper, several species of Trillium, and the shrub, witch hazel that flowers in the fall.

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PUBLIC RECREATIONAL SPACES (continued from page 10)

All of the OLT/Town recreational lands are maintained by volunteers, mostly by OLT members who also assist town personnel to accomplish the required maintenance work. Penobscot Ski Club grooms CBCA and OHS for skiing in the snow months. All areas are carry in/carry out. Please be especially considerate to private landowners. Places can be found by following the green hike/bike signs on street posts and on OLT's website: www.oronolandtrust.org. Also, other lands owned by OLT that are not within the village limits (e.g. Wickett parcel, Pushaw Inlet, Hsu parcel) are described on maps available at this website.

Please come visit your public places. Visit one or all and see what you can see.



HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

is for everyone if... you answer yes to:

- Are you a resident of the State of Maine?
- Will you have owned a home in the State of Maine for at least the past 12 months prior to April 1, 2016?
- Do you declare your home in Orono as your permanent place of residency?

If you answered yes to all of these questions, you may be entitled to a \$15,000 reduction in the assessed value of your home, regardless of your income. The exemption is being increased in 2016 from \$10,000 to \$15,000. If you currently receive the \$10,000 Homestead Exemption, you do NOT need to do anything, you will automatically receive the \$15,000 exemption.

VETERAN EXEMPTION

If you are a veteran, at least age 62 or 100% disabled, a resident of Orono and served during a federally recognized war period, you may qualify for a \$6,000 reduction in the assessed value of your property. Widows of veterans may also qualify for a reduction.

You must apply by April 1, 2016

If you believe that you may qualify for either a veteran or homestead exemption, you must apply by April 1, 2016 in order to receive the exemption(s) on your September 2016 tax bill. Check your current tax bill to see if you are receiving these exemptions. If you are, there is no need to reapply. If you are not, you may obtain applications at the Town Office.

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Mon-Fri 7AM-3:30 PM
Starting April 19 thru Oct 7:
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 - 10 AM - 2 PM

Disposal Area (Landfill):
Starting April 4 - Wed/Sat
Obtain permit at Town Office)

Curbside Recycling Dates:
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