



# Orono Observer

A Quarterly Town of Orono Publication

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## Meetings, Events, etc

### September:

- 5 Labor Day Holiday
- 10 Pie in Sky Road Race
- 12 Council Meeting, 7:00 pm,  
Council Chambers
- 21 Planning Board, 7:00 pm,  
Council Chambers
- 23 First-half property taxes due

### October:

- 10 Columbus Day Holiday
- 17 2017 Dog Licensing begins
- 17 Council Meeting, 7:00 pm,  
Council Chambers
- 19 Planning Board, 7:00 pm,  
Council Chambers

### November:

- 4-6 Free Landfill Days
- 7 Leaf/Brush Pickup Starts
- 8 General Presidential Election
- 11 Veterans Day Holiday
- 14 Council Meeting, 7:00 pm,  
Council Chamber
- 16 Planning Board, 7:00 pm,  
Council Chamber
- 17 Senior Citizens Thanksgiving  
Dinner
- 24 Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- 25 Town Office closed

### December:

- 1 2017 Hunting/Fishing  
Licenses available for sale

## GENERAL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



On Election Day,

**All Orono Voting will be at the UMaine Field House,**

**also known as "THE BIG M" (more information on page 9)**

## UPCOMING COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS

Orono Town Council enjoyed an August break, but will be picking back up the on-going effort to implement the recently adopted Comprehensive Plan. This process involves the revision and adoption of ordinances, or local laws, related to land use.

Councilors will also be tackling revisions to the rental registry, noise, and disorderly property ordinances as well as considering the adoption of property maintenance and disorderly event ordinances.

Consideration of these ordinances will happen in duly noticed meetings that the public is welcome to attend, Councilors welcome public comment outside of meetings, and public hearings to allow formal community feedback is required for all proposed ordinances adoptions or revisions. This is a critical time for the public to participate!

Also this fall, Council will be examining the sustainability of Orono's current tax rate. Staff and Council heard concerns from taxpayers during the budget process this spring about the burden on local property tax payers to fund municipal, school, and county services. Council's discussions about property taxes will be noticed on the Town's website and cable access channel. Community members are encouraged to attend these meetings to better understand what drives our tax rate and how it is impacted by the local services Orono residents receive.

## FREE LANDFILL DROP OFF DAYS

**November 4, 5 & 6, 2016**

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

In response to public input, free landfill drop-off days were added for November 4, 5 and 6, 2016. Hours of operation are from 8am-4pm.

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## 2017 DOG LICENSES AVAILABLE OCT. 17TH

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 2017 will be available at the town office beginning October 17, 2016. All dogs must be licensed before January 31, 2017 to avoid a \$25 penalty. The fee for a spayed or neutered dog is \$6.00 and \$11.00 for an unaltered dog.

## PIE IN THE SKY 5K & FUN RUN SEPTEMBER 10TH

See page 5 for more information.

## OPTIONS FOR MAIN STREET

The Town's recently updated Comprehensive Plan makes special note of Main Street between downtown (around Juniper Street) and Kelley Road. This 1.25-mile section of Route 2 is the gateway into downtown, and about half of this stretch is in the Main Street Historic District.

Most of the corridor (except for a short section of Commercial zoning) is zoned primarily for single-family homes. Of the 88 properties along this stretch of Main Street, 60 are occupied by single-family homes. Approximately 49 of these homes are owner-occupied, and approximately 11 are rented. Another 17 residential structures are in 2-family or multifamily use.

The demographics and economics of single-family home ownership in the corridor have slowly changed. Over the next 10 years, will there be families who want to buy, live in and maintain

the dwellings as single-family homes, or will there be pressure to change the use? Will future owners continue to invest in the buildings, including the handsome historic homes, and maintain their historic quality?

The Comprehensive Plan recommends building in options for the residential properties. The idea is to create zoning incentives to allow additional economic uses in return for commitments to maintain the historic and other important elements of the corridor.

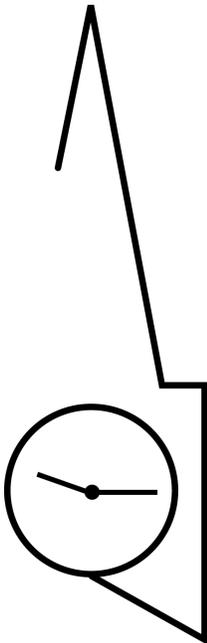
The Town Council and staff have begun to consider options for implementing this recommendation. We have started with an inventory of the corridor, with the help of an architect with background in historic preservation, to determine what architectural and streetscape elements – in addition to the buildings already recognized as contributing to the Main Street Historic

District – are particularly important to the quality of the corridor.

Early in the Fall, we anticipate inviting all property owners in the corridor to discuss what direction the Town should take in providing for the option of low-impact uses that would be compatible with the residential character of Main Street, while enabling property owners to continue to invest in and maintain historic and other important buildings in good condition. Stay tuned.

## BLACK BEAR/ORONO EXPRESS 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 29, 2016. Visit <http://umaine.edu/shuttle> for the 2016-17 schedule.



## The Church of Universal Fellowship

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Sunday, Sept. 4: Worship 9:30 am  
Starting Sunday, Sept. 11: back to 10:15 worship time

9:00 am Choir Practice  
10:15 am Morning Worship

with Nursery Care

Sunday School ~ Grades K-5

Young Adults With Pizzazz! ~ Grades 6-10

"Y.A.W.P." is a community service group for young people  
which meets at the same time as Sunday School

**All Saints Day Remembrance Service**

Tuesday, November 1st 7 pm

Please call or email or visit our website for more information  
866-3655 [cufoffice@icloud.com](mailto:cufoffice@icloud.com) [churchofuniversalfellowship.org](http://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

**FALL MUSICAL**

Some Theatre Company Presents:

**NEXT TO NORMAL**

Music by Tom Kitt

Book & Lyrics by Brian Yorkey



"The Feeling EVERYTHING musical"

NOVEMBER

4th, 5th, 11th, 12th at 7:30pm

5th, 6th, 12th, 13th at 2pm

Keith Anderson Community House  
19 Bennoch Rd, Orono

Tickets Available online or at the door  
[www.sometheatrecompany.com](http://www.sometheatrecompany.com)

Some Theatre Company is a registered non profit organization

NEXT TO NORMAL is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI) All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. [www.mtishows.com](http://www.mtishows.com)

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING**

Again 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:

- Nature After School Camp – with Deanna Fahey
- Starwalk Stables - Riding Program
- Mary Drew School of Dance
- Karate
- Public Library – Caldecott Club (K-2)

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

\*If you are looking for an everyday afterschool option, there is information on [oronorec.com](http://oronorec.com) about other area after-school programs.



**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.



**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.

**THE HOUSING FOUNDATION**



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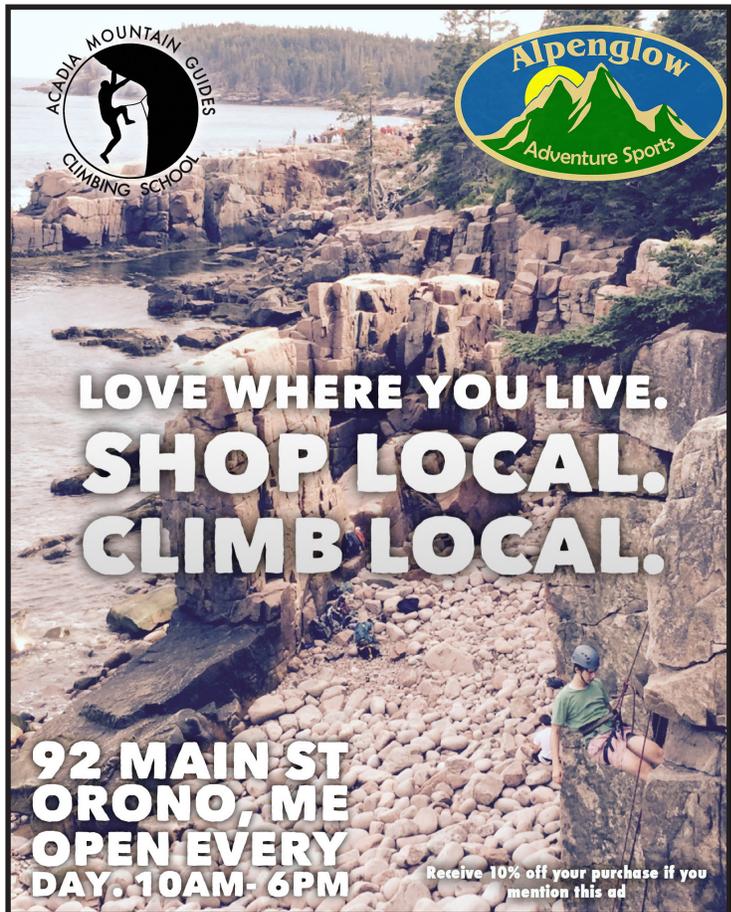
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## ORONO LIBRARY NEWS CORNER

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## 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. "Growing Up Between Cultures" will be facilitated by local writer, Annaliese Jakamides and will meet on the first Tuesday of each month (beginning Oct. 4) at the Black Bear Tap Room.

Please contact the library for current titles being read by each group. All book discussion groups are sponsored by the Friends of the Orono Public Library, 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. Please call the library at 866-5060 or visit our website for additional information.

## Tech Help

Call 866-5060 to schedule an appointment for Free help with your computers, laptops, tablets and smart devices. OR drop in at Tech Tuesday Time from 10:30 – noon for answers to your technology questions. No problem too small to seek a solution.

**Foreign Language Conversation Groups:** 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, call Laurie Carpenter at 866-5060 or email [laurie@orono.org](mailto:laurie@orono.org).

**Meet ME @ the Library** (a program of Maine people, places and ideas) and **Wednesday Wonders** (author visits, travelogues, new ideas) are back!

Sept. 14, 1-2:30 p.m., Organizational Zen with Janie Downey Maxwell.

Sept. 28, 1-2:30 p.m., back by popular demand, Phyllis Brazee will present Zennodding 2.0, adding color and shading to your doodles.

Oct. 5, 2-3 p.m., Author Julie Dewey, historical fiction writer.

Oct. 26, 1-2 p.m., author Barry Hammer will speak on Personal Psychological/Spiritual Development, and Deepening Personal Relationships.

Nov. 9, 1-2 p.m., Veterans Day Special-Maine Troop Greeters shares unforgettable moments and information about the Troop Greeters Museum.

Dec. 14, 1-2 p.m., Musician Barbara Smith, shares her own compositions to brighten the darkening days of winter.

## 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, Tabletop Gaming for Teens, Pajama Story Time, Infant and Toddler Story Times, Reader of the Pack, Caldecott Club, and more!

### Saturday Family Programs:

**October 29**, 3-5pm, we will be celebrating our joy of pumpkins, falling leaves and frosty nights with our Fall Festival for children. **November 5**, 10:30am, join us for a special book party. And to jump ahead: **December 10**, 10:30am, Hampstead Theatre will be performing *The Prince and the Pauper*.

For information on programs and resources, check our website: <http://library.orono.org> or email [louise@orono.org](mailto:louise@orono.org).

**New Library Hours  
as of September 4, 2016  
see page 12.**



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**9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Wed.**  
**10:00 AM-3:00 PM, Sat.**

At Main St, take Pine St., 2nd right to Birch St.

**PIE IN THE SKY 5K & FUN RUN  
SEPTEMBER 10TH**

Join your friends and neighbors for the 8th Annual Pie in the Sky on September 10th, 2016, 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 8, 2016. Early Bird: \$12.00 per individual or \$30.00 per family. Race Day: \$15.00 per individual or \$35.00 per family.

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: ck-babbitt@gmail.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PieintheSkyRace.

**FARMERS' MARKET**

Saturday, September 10th, 8am - noon at the University of Maine Steam Plant parking lot, off College Avenue.

**ADVERTISE IN THE  
ORONO OBSERVER**

Contact Nancy Ward at nancyw@orono.org to reserve space for your ad in the Dec 2016/Jan/Feb 2017 *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.

**SENIOR CITIZEN  
THANKSGIVING DINNER**

The Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner will be held **Thursday, November 17th, 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.

**A WORLD OF THANKS**

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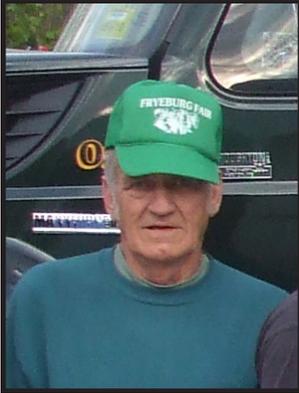
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## WENDELL YOUNG (1971-2016)



Wendell A. Young, 70, passed away peacefully on July 26, 2016, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born September 9, 1945, in Bangor, the son of Dale A. and Flora Mae (Homestead) Young.

Wendell worked for 45 years for the Town of Orono Public Works Department. He lived for deer hunting in the fall. Throughout his life he had many teams of pulling horses and traveled throughout New England to different competitions.

Wendell was dedicated, hardworking and committed to the people around him. He was not one to be in the limelight, but loved the community and served

it well for 45 years. He will be missed by family, friends, the Town of Orono's employees and community members.

## LEAVES & BRUSH ACCEPTED AT THE LANDFILL

The Town of Orono now accepts leaves and brush at the landfill at **no charge**. Residents must obtain a free permit at the Town Office 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 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 days 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.

## Show your UMaine Black Bear spirit!

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The University of Maine is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.



## It's time for the 2016 Light Up The Night Stationary Parade

Last Year's *Light Up The Night* event was a big success. So we have decided to shift our attention from a fall festival to making this December's event even better. This year's parade theme is, "Holidays around the World".

Included in this year's parade is a dedicated space for dance and music groups. Attendees vote on the best units with the winner's charity receiving a cash award.

Keep your eye out for more information at [Orono.org](http://Orono.org)



**LEAF & BRUSH**

**PICKUP**

**November 7th**

Residents are asked to have their leaves and brush curbside by **Monday, November 7th**. 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.

**TARGET TECH CENTER TO BUILD NEW LABS**

Orono’s business incubator, the Target Technology Center on Godfrey Drive, soon will have two new labs: one to help startup Cerahelix grow, and one for Twin Rivers Paper Co., which is moving its R&D lab to Orono to be close to University of Maine.

The construction will be assisted by a \$345,000 grant from the Economic Development Administration, announced July 29. Bangor Target Area Development Corp. (BTADC), owner of the incubator, will match the grant dollar-for-dollar and will complete other upgrades to the 15-year-old building at the same time.

The new labs are part of a larger effort to create an Innovation Hub for the Bangor region. The hub is a partnership among UMaine’s Top Gun program, Big Gig (a regional networking and pitch event started by Orono Economic Development Corp.), the Scratch Pad ac-

celerator, and the Target incubator. The partnership has created UpStart Maine, which will be a cooperative, regional outreach, marketing and fundraising corporation promoting the startup economy.

**NEW WEBSITE - VISIT WWW.ORONO.ORG**

Visit the Town of Orono’s new website. Some of the enhanced features are the Search engine, Agenda Center, Notify Me notification signup for agendas and events, Contact Us, Calendars, GIS/maps. Business Directory, department information and more. Check it out.



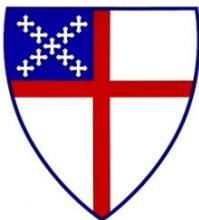
**St. James’ Episcopal Church**

At the corner of Center and Main Streets, Old Town

The Reverend Richard Johnson, Priest-in-Charge

Sunday Services at 10 a.m.

Join us on **Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** for the Blessing of the Animals - All Peoples and their Pets welcome. Email [rejohnson1@tds.net](mailto:rejohnson1@tds.net) for more information.



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.

## GATEWAY SENIORS

### Announces the Printing of the Senior Yellow Pages

Are you a senior looking for helpful resources? Or a family member looking for help for a beloved relative? Or, perhaps, a social worker hoping to help a client? Help is on the way: Just think yellow. **The Senior Yellow Pages, A Manual of Local and State Services for Seniors in Greater Bangor**, will educate seniors and their families about the pertinent resources in our community. In early fall 2016, the first edition of the manual will be released. And it will be free of charge. Gateway Seniors will be offering the Senior Yellow Pages without cost to community members and their families as well as to social service agencies.

This 220+ page manual is a must-have for seniors and anyone who cares for them. Although it was developed by Gateway Seniors Without Walls, many people and many organizations have contributed. Pick up a copy of the Senior Yellow Pages this fall at social

service agencies, libraries, and town offices throughout the greater Bangor area. You may reserve a copy by calling the Eastern Area Agency on Aging and speaking to Karyn: (207) 941-2865.

Gateway Seniors Without Walls, an affiliate of the Center on Aging, University of Maine, schedules meaningful, diverse, and daily activities in Orono, Old Town, and Veazie. Everyone is welcome. There are no membership fees. There are no geographical or age requirements. Gateway Seniors partners with many groups that serve older people to provide activities and publicize services. In the Fall of 2016, 90 activities are scheduled. For a copy of our Monthly Activity Schedule, which appears monthly in the Penobscot Times, or for additional information about the Senior Yellow Pages, or to volunteer to help out, call (207) 866-8641 or email Gateway Seniors: [gatewayseiniorswithoutwalls@roadrunner.com](mailto:gatewayseiniorswithoutwalls@roadrunner.com).

## DOWNTOWN PUBLIC PARKING

Free downtown public parking is available every day (except from 2-6am) in the municipal lots located off Pine Street, on Birch Street and behind the police station. Some overnight parking is available, by permit, in the municipal lot behind the police station.

## ORONO HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Running an Errand? Do a Good Deed? **Give someone a ride to a doctor's appointment!** Call the Orono Health Association at 866-4648 to get connected! You'll feel good about it!

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS Ends Sunday, Nov. 6th

Remember to replace your smoke detector batteries when you change the clock for November 6th.

## ORONO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



We look forward to meeting you!

- Sunday Morning Worship, Children's Sunday School: 11:00
- Adult Bible and Topic Study, Youth Gathering: Sundays 9:45am
- Bible Study: 6:00 Thursday Evenings
- Choir Fellowship and Rehearsal: 7:00 Thursday Evenings

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



**GENERAL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION INFORMATION**  
**ON ELECTION DAY, ALL ORONO VOTERS WILL VOTE AT**  
**The UMAINE FIELD HOUSE *also known as "THE BIG M"***

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016**  
**Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

There will be buses available for Orono residents who need transportation –  
More info to follow...

**ORONO Voter Registration staff will be available for new voters to register or for existing ORONO voters to change their address or name as follows:**

- At the polling place on Election Day
- At ORONO Town Office daily during regular business hours
- After October 18<sup>th</sup>, voters who wish to register must do so *in person*.

**To register to vote you will need:**

- Proof of identification (*driver's license, state ID, passport, birth certificate*)
- Proof of residency (*any piece of mail showing an ORONO street address*)

**Absentee Ballots may be requested by:**

- The voter by telephone by calling 866-2556
- Written request to Town Clerk, 59 Main St., Orono, Maine 04473
- Visiting the Town Clerk's office in-person during regular business hours
- Online at <http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>

**The deadline to request an absentee ballot is Thursday, November 3rd**

- With the exception of incapacitation/illness /or unexpected absence sworn under oath and signed affidavit.

## REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 26

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

Dear Members of the Orono Community,

I am delighted to be serving as your Superintendent of Schools here in Orono! After spending the last three years in southern California, I can see how precious our Maine summers really are and how quickly they can go by.

I have recently taken the helm of our fine School Department (RSU #26) in late July and have already been meeting with school leaders and community members to get the schools ready for the coming year! After almost 20 years in education, much of that time has been right here in Maine, I want you to know that I will work hard to help our schools provide the best education for the students of Orono. You can count on an open door policy and an honest answer from me at all times. As Superintendent,

I have the unique opportunity to meld together years of educational experience with listening and learning from you, the community.

It is my goal to strengthen the lines of communication to and from the school-house and to work diligently with our strong educators and take our students' performance to the next level! One way to keep a pulse on our district's achievement as measured by the state is through the NCLB (No Child Left Behind) School Report Cards, reported annually on our website at: <http://www.rsu26.org/school-report-cards/> under the Home tab->School Report Cards.

Our 2016-2017 school calendar is on our website at [www.rsu26.org](http://www.rsu26.org) under the Home tab. Graduation is tentatively set for June 11th, 2017. Also, please note the individual Calendars for school

events are listed under the Home Tab for Asa Adams, Orono Middle, and Orono High Schools.

School breakfast prices are \$1.25 district wide, and lunch is now \$2.30 at Asa Adams and \$2.55 at Orono Middle and High Schools. Cyr Bus can be contacted at if you have any specific questions regarding bus location, routes and times for your son or daughter. They can be reached at 207-827-2010.

I continue to be inspired by the people I meet here in Orono, and I am committed to seeing the future of RSU #26 thrive! Please feel free to reach me by email at [mtracy@rsu26.org](mailto:mtracy@rsu26.org) or by phone, 207-866-7110.

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University of Maine Campus Recreation and the Town of Orono are teaming up to offer RAD Early Release Day Camps. These camps are designed for campers looking to explore many different activities and share those experiences with other campers. Your child will engage in their choice of activities in a safe, supervised, stimulating, non-competitive environment. Camp will be located in the New Balance Student Recreation Center on campus.

The deadline for registration is 2 weeks prior to the early release day. A minimum of 16 participants is required to run this program.

The RAD Camp Early Release days are: Sept 20; Oct 31; Feb. 1 and Mar. 23. The cost is \$25/day.

\*Participants that are enrolled in Asa Adams School will be bussed to the New Balance Student Recreation Center\*

**RSU#26 WEBSITE  
FOR INFORMATION**

Check out the RSU#26 website at [www.rsu26.org](http://www.rsu26.org) for the 2016-2017 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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Monday-Friday

**Public Works:** 866-5062  
Tues.-Fri. 6:00 AM to 4:30 PM  
(As of Oct 11) Mon-Fri 7AM-3:30 PM

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

**Library (new hours):** 866-5060  
Sunday - Closed  
Mon. & Fri. - 10 AM - 5 PM  
Tues. & Thurs. - 10 AM - 7 PM  
Wed. - noon - 5 PM  
Sat. - 10 AM - 2 PM

**Disposal Area (Landfill):**  
Wed. & Sat. - 8 AM - 4 PM  
(Obtain permits from Town Office)

**Curbside Recycling Dates:**  
September 1, 2, 15, 16, 29, 30  
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Election Day, November 8  
Voting at UM Field House