



# The Orland Falcon

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## Your Town

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**Office Hours:** Tues-Fri 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 1 to 5 p.m.

**Transfer Station Hours:** Wed & Sat 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.;  
Sun 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed on legal holidays)

**Town Office Phone:** 207-469-3186

**Town Clerk:** Lisa Smith, CCM

**Deputy Clerk:** George Dakin

**Treasurer:** Shirley Hincks

**Assessor:** Amber Poulin

**Code Enforcement Officer/Plumbing Inspector:**

Luke Chiavelli, 207-735-6428

**Animal Control Officer:**

Brandon Patterson, 207-323-6033

**Road Commissioner:** Bobby Wardwell

**Transfer Station Manager:** Gary Newbigin

**Property Manager:** Mike Malenfant

**OCC Director:** Sue Lanpher

**Fire Chief:** Bobby Conary

**Fire Warden:** John Gray

**Fish Warden:** Peter Robshaw

**Select Board Members:**

Les Stackpole: [lstackpole@townoforland.org](mailto:lstackpole@townoforland.org)

Gina Bushong: [gbushong@townoforland.org](mailto:gbushong@townoforland.org)

Cliff Guthrie: [cguthrie@townoforland.org](mailto:cguthrie@townoforland.org)

**Select Board Meetings:** 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Office. Agendas and Minutes are available on the town website.

## Reminders from the Town Office

**Burn Permits:** Burn permits are available online for free at [www.maineburnpermit.com](http://www.maineburnpermit.com) and are also given out at the Orland Transfer Station, on Wed & Sat 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sun 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## The Falcon Mailing

Starting with this edition we are mailing The Falcon directly to every address in Orland. Our goal is to ensure every resident can stay informed about town news,



projects, and the good things happening in our community. The Falcon name and symbol, which are taken from the former Orland school, continue to represent our deep value for town traditions, even as we evolve and improve how we communicate.

## Town Website Upgrade

Check out the redesigned and updated town website. This upgrade includes consolidating the Community Center's site into our new, unified platform, providing centralized access to information from town departments and committees. We will transition to an official .gov domain, [orlandme.gov](http://orlandme.gov), in October.

### June 9, 2026, Primary Election Results for Orland

| Race              | Dem                   | Rep          |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Governor          | Shah, 97              | Charles, 114 |
| US Senate         | Platner, 297          | Collins, 279 |
| US Rep 2          | Baldacci, 125         | LePage, 272  |
| State Senate 7    | Grohoski, 340         | Hewes, 267   |
| State Rep 17      | Russell, 333          | Bishop, 290  |
| Sheriff           | Dupuis, 331           | Bagley, 275  |
| Co. Comm.         | Wombacher, 326        | Unopposed    |
| Co. Treasurer     | Cease, 322            | Unopposed    |
| Judge of Probate  | Thomas (write in), 39 | Foster, 272  |
| Register of Deeds | Unopposed             | Curtis, 276  |

### Municipal Elections:

**Board of Selectmen:** Stackpole, 633.

**Assessor:** Poulin, 635.

**Fish Committee:** Atwood, 462; Leclerc, 348.

**RSU 25 budget:** 520-167.

**Assessor referendum:** 380-302.

## Orland River Day: Sept 12

The 2026 Orland River Day will take place on Saturday, September 12th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Narramissic Drive and the Community Center.

Attendees are encouraged to wear yellow for this rain-or-shine event.

Key event highlights include:

- **Schedule:** The parade begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by various activities including boat races, a car show, and live music starting at 11 a.m.
- **Activities:** The day features a Duck Dash, Moxie drinking and Whoopie Pie eating contests, a UMaine Touch Tank, and a bounce house.
- **Amenities:** Food and vendors will be available, and a free shuttle will run between event locations from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



For full event details, visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/orlandriverday>

## Lake Dams Update

The Alamoosook Lake and Toddy Pond Watershed Management Districts have been busy establishing their boards, developing operating procedures and financial systems. They are preparing to assume dam ownership in the next couple of months. All four towns with citizens on the lakes have approved district budgets for the coming year. Initial assessments have gone to lakefront property owners who collectively fund 50% of the costs. The districts are working closely together to assure that once ownership transfers take place the dams will be operated as cost-effectively as possible. Meetings are open to the public with schedules at [townoforland.org](http://townoforland.org).

## Unsung Heroes

We want to celebrate the neighbors who help make Orland such a wonderful place to live. A huge thank you to the residents who have quietly donated their time to build and maintain the beautiful flower boxes on the town bridge and the historical society building, and the flower bed at the Post Office flagpole.

If you have an unsung hero to sing about, send it to [cguthrie@townoforland.org](mailto:cguthrie@townoforland.org) or the town clerk.

## Orland Historical Society: Car & Art Show

Join us on September 12, 2026, for the Car and Art Show, held as part of the Orland River Day celebration at the Community Center. We are seeking participants to showcase vintage vehicles in the front parking lot and local artists to display or sell their work in the Millard Clement Gym. All are welcome!

For more information, please contact:

- **Car Show:** Roger Wood (207-598-5741)
- **Art Show:** Mary Hauger (207-461-8866) or Barbara Dorr (207-944-5649)

**Remember: The Orland Museum is open every Saturday through August from 12 p.m. to 4. pm.  
It's free and fascinating!**



*From Best Remembered, p. 84:  
New Fire Truck, 1953: Boyd Marks, Lester Sandstrom,  
Chief Ernest Herrick, Asst. Chief Linwood Robshaw*

## Buck Memorial Library

The Buck Memorial Library's summer reading program is for ALL AGES. This year's theme is "Read Across Maine" and is about focusing on all the great authors, books and things to do in the Bucksport area and in our great state! More online at [bucklibrary.org](http://bucklibrary.org).

### SUMMER SCHEDULE

- Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
- Thursday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Saturday: 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
- Closed Sundays and Mondays

## Town Budget Adopted

After a long and public process, the Select Board recommended a budget for the 2026-27 Fiscal Year that was approved at the Town Meeting on June 10th.

- **A financially healthy town:** The town holds an Unassigned Fund Balance of approximately 22.4% of the total proposed annual budget. This is well above the standard municipal benchmark of 8–16%, providing a significant safety net for emergencies and future capital needs.

- **Primary Cost Drivers:** Education (RSU 25) remains the largest single expense, totaling \$3,326,644, which accounts for approximately 50% of our total budget. Other major expenditures include Road Maintenance (\$935,000) and Administration (\$903,055).

- **Budget Growth:** The approved 2026-27 budget represents a 7.3% increase over the previous year, rising to \$6,596,755. This growth is primarily driven by rising education and ambulance service costs.

| Department               | Amount             |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Education (RSU 25)       | \$3,326,644        |
| Roads & Paving           | \$935,000          |
| Administration           | \$903,055          |
| Protection (Fire/Police) | \$668,562          |
| Capital Expenses         | \$367,000          |
| County Tax               | \$245,600          |
| Solid Waste              | \$125,000          |
| Other (Recreation, etc.) | \$25,894           |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$6,596,755</b> |

## Town Dam and Fishway Update

On June 17, twenty-one residents turned out for the first public meeting on the Orland Village Fishway and Dam Project, where Pete Robshaw, Jill Howell (Downeast Salmon Federation), and engineer Greg Allen (Verdantas) presented findings from the ongoing engineering evaluation.

The project aims to strengthen the dam, improve fish passage, reduce overtopping during high tides, and ensure water supply for fire suppression. No immediate safety concerns were found, but the study identified

deterioration in the timber crib, damaged spillway crest boards, and gaps in the abutment interfaces. Concrete components rate fair to poor; the gate structures are in poor condition.

Verdantas is weighing rehabilitation options, from a concrete cap over the spillway to full dam replacement, along with measures to prevent overtopping during storm surge. For fish passage, the team is comparing Denil, vertical slot, and pool-and-chute ladder designs.

The engineering study wraps up in late fall 2026, when a second public meeting will let residents review and comment on final design concepts, setting the stage for construction. The committee will then begin pursuing grant funding.

The full presentation is on the town website under Government → Narramissic-Orland Watershed → Orland Village Dam, or at [townoforland.org/orland-dam/](http://townoforland.org/orland-dam/). Questions or feedback: Pete Robshaw, [pkrisme69@aol.com](mailto:pkrisme69@aol.com).

## Transfer Station Fee Changes Effective August 1, 2026

**Important Note:** No commercial, contractor, or business trash allowed.

**Household Waste:** Free (in bags for compactor).

### Appliances & Furniture

- Mattresses, Box Springs, Furniture: \$10/each
- Washers, Dryers, Stoves: \$10/each
- Refrigeration Appliances: \$20/each

### Construction & Metal

- Demo Materials (Bins 3, 5, 6): \$5 - \$40/load
- Metal (Bin 4): \$5 - \$30/load
- Asphalt Shingles: \$15 - \$30/load (Limit 2 loads)

### Electronics & Misc.

- Tires (Bin 7): \$2/each (Limit 4/week; no rims; cars/pickups only)
- TVs/Monitors: \$3/each
- PCs/Laptops: \$2/each
- Fluorescent Tubes: \$0.50/foot
- CFLs: \$0.50/each
- Cell phones, Thermostats, Smoke Detectors: \$1/each

## Business Highlight:

**School House Health, PLLC**, a Direct Primary Care practice at the Orland Community Center, is celebrating its first anniversary. Led by Nurse Practitioners Corinne Malenfant and Jacqueline Carter, with office manager Zandra MacLean, they provide accessible, evidence-based primary care to Hancock County.

Offering a return to "old-fashioned" healthcare, featuring longer visits, personalized attention, and transparent pricing, the practice has successfully reached many individuals previously without access to care. Demand remains strong, with patients traveling up to 3 hours to establish care.

"Affordability and accessibility remain our cornerstone," say Corinne and Jackie. "Our first year proves that removing barriers helps people seek care. We're honored to serve this community and committed to growing responsibly."

To learn more, contact them at 207-702-9201; or [shhinfo@schoolhouse-health.com](mailto:shhinfo@schoolhouse-health.com)

## Orland Community Center (OCC)

From OCC Director Sue Lanpher: "Stay active, improve your strength and balance, and enjoy time with friends at Exercise with Jeanette, Seniors in Motion or Pickleball at the Orland Community Center! These fun, low impact exercise classes along with our multi-level pickleball matches are designed for adults of all fitness levels and focus on movement, flexibility, balance, and overall wellness in a welcoming environment. New participants are always welcome. Join us and keep moving toward a healthier, more active lifestyle! Contact the Orland Community Center or follow us on Facebook for class days, times, and registration information."

## Support Our Amazing Local Businesses!

### Community Center Businesses

- Kim Burgess, tax services, 207-466-2862
- Ebee's Sweets, 802-277-0395
- The Fearless Fork, 207-752-2341
- Stephanie C. Francis LCPC, Registered Play Therapist
- Hancock County Habitat for Humanity
- Nurtured Nail & Sole, 207-356-9341
- One Blue Sky Yoga, 207-852-6696
- Over the Bridge and Beyond Realty
- School House Health, Medical Clinic, <https://www.schoolhouse-health.com/>

### Orland Businesses

- Alamoosook Lakeside Inn, [alamoosooklakesideinn.com](http://alamoosooklakesideinn.com)
- Bishop's Autobody Shop, 207-469-2585
- Cast Iron Rescue, 207-460-6240
- CJ Insulation, 207-702-9202
- Fox Forestry, [foxforestry.com](http://foxforestry.com)
- Freshwater Stone, [freshwaterstone.com](http://freshwaterstone.com)

- Hammond Lumber, [hammondlumber.com/location/bucksport](http://hammondlumber.com/location/bucksport)
- Hancock Pour House, [hancock.pourhousemaine.com](http://hancock.pourhousemaine.com)
- The Herbalist, [www.207herbalist.com](http://www.207herbalist.com)
- H.O.M.E. <https://homemmausa.org/>
- Kamp K-9 (Doggie daycare), 207-460-4433
- KOA, [bucksportfortknokoa.com/](http://bucksportfortknokoa.com/)
- Land Locked Boat Yard, 207-299-7900
- The Lantern Camp [lanterncamp.com](http://lanterncamp.com)
- Naiad Country Brewery, on Facebook
- Orland Dog Grooming [orlandgrooming.com](http://orlandgrooming.com)
- Outback Towing, & car repairs, 207-469-3700
- Rob's Hardware, 207-469-2451
- Run Away Farm, [facebook.com/darylannkeezer](https://facebook.com/darylannkeezer)
- Sew Rugged, [www.sewrugged.com](http://www.sewrugged.com)
- Tradewinds Variety Plus, 19 Duck Cove Rd.
- Wanderin Moose Campground, [wanderinmoosecampground.com](http://wanderinmoosecampground.com)

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