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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 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.

50 years of Orland River Day!

Orland River Day is a tradition begun to celebrate our town and our wonderful neighbors back in 1976. A committee of dedicated Orlanders mounts the festival that includes a parade, vendors, and activities for all ages for one glorious day. This year on Sept 12th, there was a parade, and float prizes were awarded for creativity as follows:

- 1st place: Orland Methodist Church
- 2nd place: US Coast Guard Reunion Group
- 3rd place: Bucks Mills Rod and Gun Club
- Honorable mention: Maine Maritime Academy Marching Band.

The annual Duck Dash had two winners: Kids: Berry Sulfer; Adult: Zach Lapan. The Moxie Drinking Contest was won by defending champion Mike Smith. The Whoopie Pie Eating Contest was won by David K. The Kick the Bucket Contest, sponsored by the Oak Grove Cemetery Association, was won by: Kids: Connor A.; Adult: Jeff A. Everyone enjoyed the food and baked goods vendors, and live music from The Blue Hill Brass and the Tidewalkers. The Historical Society mounted an art show, and a car show.

The Orland River Day Committee is always happy to welcome new members with creativity and energy! Look for Orland River Day on the Saturday after Labor Day 2027! – Adina Samuelson and Lisa Smith



Our Amazing River Day Committee!

Emergency Preparedness

In taking on the role of **Emergency Management Preparedness Director**, my first project was to review and update the **Emergency Operations Plan** that was last updated in 2011. In conjunction with Orland Fire Department's Chief Conary, this has been accomplished and the updated Orland Municipal Emergency Operations Plan has been submitted to the Select Board for review. The plan outlines a comprehensive emergency response, both operations and preparedness for natural, man-made or technological disasters our town could face. I look forward to working closely with the town officials and community members so together we can ensure that our town is ready to respond to any challenge. Take Care – Lindsey Dale

Orland Fire Department

The Orland Volunteer Fire Department is excited to announce the date of our **Fall Open House**. The open house will be **Sunday, October 18th from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at 14 Fire House Ave.** If you're thinking about **becoming a volunteer** in the fire department, we would love to meet you then or you can come to our monthly meeting at the fire department on the first Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m.

Sand for Seniors: We are renewing our successful Sand for Seniors project this winter. Members of the Fire Department will bring a bucket of salt/sand to your house if you need. Just call the fire department at: (207) 469-3079.

Make the Town Website Work for You

The town website has built-in accessibility tools. Click the accessibility icon in the bottom right corner of any page to enlarge text, adjust spacing, switch to an easier-to-read font, or change contrast and colors. Your browser will remember your choices on that device. To return to the standard appearance, open the same menu and choose the option to reset all settings. If you have trouble using the site, please contact the Town Office.

Oak Grove Cemetery Association

The Oak Grove Cemetery Association is holding its Fall meeting on Wednesday October 21st at 6 p.m. at the Orland Methodist Church. Anyone owning a burial lot in the cemetery is welcome to attend. To learn more: sites.google.com/view/orlandoakgrovecemetery

The Orland Historical Society

The Orland Historical Society is concluding a busy summer season. The Museum, located at 23 School House Road, has been welcoming visitors every Saturday all summer. The culmination of the season was on Orland River Day, September 12th, when the OHS sponsored an exciting art show in the Community Center, featuring over 20 local artists, and an Antique car show, featuring over 40 restored vehicles. The Museum was open to visitors on River Day as well.

The car show winners included:

Best in Show: Mike Inman, 1940 Packard Coupe 120

People's Choice Award: Dana Bishop, 1956 Ford F100

The art show featured over 20 contemporary artists, as well as artists from Orland's past. Five paintings by Anne Paige were displayed with a brief biographical description, and in a tribute to Kelley Meigs, five of her paintings were offered in a silent auction.

The Historical Society hopes the art show will become an annual event.



Ed DeVito's 100-year-old Hupmobile Series R Touring Car

Planning and Appeals Board Members Needed

The Planning Board has an opening for at least one member and expects another seat to open in 2027. The term is five years, and the Select Board makes the appointments. This year the Board is reviewing Orland's subdivision and site plan ordinances before the 2027 town meeting. No planning experience is needed. Anyone who knows building, land, roads, or septic will find the work familiar.

The Appeals Board also has three openings, with five-year appointments. This board meets very rarely – only in cases of appeal.

Training is provided for both. If interested, please contact the Town Office at 207-469-3186 or send an email to townclerk@townoforland.org

More Orland History



"Sadie and Laura's Lunch Room," more recently known as Duffy's. Started in the late 40s by the grandmother of Select Board Chair Les Stackpole.

Buck Memorial Library Hours

- Tuesday, Wednesday: 10 AM - 4 PM
- Thursday, Friday: 12 PM - 5 PM
- Saturday: 10 AM - 1 PM
- Closed Sundays and Mondays

See www.bucklibrary.org for programs and events.

Grant Award Announcements

The town is pleased to announce two recent grant awards. **We received a \$26,273.14 Community Resilience Partnership Community Action Grant to complete the installation of new windows in our Community Center.** This funding, combined with our previous award, will allow us to replace all the windows in the Center. Replacing the windows will save energy (and money) while improving comfort for those using the building.

We also received a **\$100,952.28 Assistance to Firefighters Grant.** With this funding, we can purchase 10 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units and a specialized emergency air supply and rescue system used to save firefighters in a hazardous environment. This grant will go a long way toward protecting our volunteer firefighters. —Gina Bushong

Website Change Notice:

Over the next several months, the town of Orland expects that it will be migrating from the current townoforland.org website to a more secure and standard orlandmaine.gov site. The site will continue to operate as normal as we undergo this change. More details in the next Falcon in January 2027.

Before You Build: What needs a permit in Orland?

Orland has no town-wide building code, so people are often surprised by what does require a permit. Most surprises involve land near water, where two different distances are at work.

The first tells you whether the rules apply. The Shoreland Zone is the band of land within 250 feet of a lake, pond, river, tidal water, or wetland, and within 75 feet of a stream. Inside that band, you need a permit before work begins.

The second tells you how close to the water you can build. A structure must sit back at least 100 feet from a lake or pond, and 75 feet from a river, stream, tidal water, or wetland. Older camps closer than that can stay, but the rules on enlarging them are strict.

Inside the Shoreland Zone, permits are required for:

- A new house or addition,
- A shed, garage, or deck, a dock, or a driveway
- Filling or earth moving
- Converting a camp to year-round use
- Clearing vegetation. A vegetated buffer must stay, and any cutting, for example, to improve a view, is strictly regulated.

Everywhere in town, permits are required for:

- Plumbing and septic work
- Business use, including from a home, such as a salon, shop, or studio, which needs Site Plan Review from the Planning Board
- Dividing land into three or more lots within five years
- Storing three or more unregistered vehicles outdoors

State permits are separate. Work near water may need a DEP permit, and a new driveway onto a state road needs MaineDOT approval.

Ask first. A short call to the Code Enforcement Officer before you start can save time, trouble, and money: Luke Chiavelli, 207-735-6428

Business Highlight: Great Pond Mountain Farm

Orland resident Amos Orcutt is the reason Maine has an official state treat, and indirectly the reason it has an official state dessert. As President of the Maine Whoopie Pie Association, he took offense at a 2009 New York Times article crediting Pennsylvania with inventing the whoopie pie and pushed the Legislature to settle the matter. In 2011 it named the whoopie pie Maine's official treat and, for good measure, made wild blueberry pie the official dessert. Orcutt just happens to grow wild blueberries.

Following a career as President of the University of Maine Foundation, since 2000 he now tends ten acres of blueberries on Bald Mountain Road, and has been growing, harvesting, and selling. The farm is immaculate, and Orcutt keeps it that way with a fleet of equipment he considers the bare minimum. A man can't farm, he jokes, without at least six John Deeres.

Harvest comes in August. This year's berries are already spoken for, but he keeps a list for next season.

Contact Amos at grtpndmtntfrm@gmail.com or 207-745-8666.

Vote on Tuesday, Nov 3

Orland voters will elect a Governor, a U.S. Senator, a U.S. Representative, a State Senator, a State Representative, and county officers for Hancock County. Voters will rank candidates for U.S. Senate and U.S. House; all other races are single choice. Voters can cast an absentee ballot in advance at the Town Office, Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Absentee ballot requests must be received by Thursday, Oct. 29. On Election Day, voting takes place at the Community Center from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

See: townoforland.org/election-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, hancockcountyhabitat.org
- Nurtured Nail & Sole, 207-356-9341
- One Blue Sky Yoga, 207-852-6696
- Orcutt Builders, orcuttbuildersinc.com
- Over the Bridge and Beyond Realty, 207-505-1850
- School House Health, Medical Clinic, schoolhouse-health.com

Orland Businesses

- Alamoosook Lakeside Inn, alamoosooklakesideinn.com
- Bishop's Autobody Shop, 207-469-2585
- Blush Salon, 207-702-7299
- Cast Iron Rescue, 207-460-6240
- CJ Insulation, 207-702-9202
- Fox Forestry, foxforestry.com
- Freshwater Stone, freshwaterstone.com

- Hammond Lumber, hammondlumber.com
- Hancock Pour House, hancock.pourhousemaine.com
- The Herbalist, www.207herbalist.com
- H.O.M.E., <https://homemmausa.org/>
- Kamp K-9 (Doggie daycare), 207-460-4433
- KOA, bucksportfortknoxkoa.com/
- Land Locked Boat Yard, 207-299-7900
- The Lantern Camp lanterncamp.com
- Naiad Country Brewery, on Facebook
- Orland Dog Grooming orlandgrooming.com
- Outback Towing, & Car Repairs, 207-469-3700
- Pen Bay Marine Services, 207 702-9266
- Rob's Hardware, 207-469-2451
- Run Away Farm, facebook.com/darylannkeezer
- Sew Rugged, www.sewrugged.com
- Tradewinds Variety Plus, 19 Duck Cove Rd.
- Wanderin Moose Campground, wanderinmoosecampground.com

If you want your business to be listed here, email cguthrie@townoforland.org

